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A new use for land at Cemetery Approach?

THE Labour Party in the Vale says that as part of its 2012 local election manifesto, it will pledge that neglected land on either side of Cemetery Approach will be put to new uses.

Barry town councillor Claire Curtis said concerns had been raised recently about the condition of the land at Cemetery Approach and the future use of the site.

She said: "The Labour councillors on the Vale Council have been in discussion with the Labour councillors on Barry Town Council about the use of this site, which is held dear by the residents of Barry."

"We are happy to inform GEM readers that in its 2012 election manifesto, the Labour team in the Vale has committed to gift the land on one side of Cemetery

Approach to Barry Town Council, to be used for non-burial purposes, and to use the other side of Cemetery Approach for allotments.

"This is in line with another manifesto pledge by the party to provide more allotments throughout Barry and the rest of the Vale."

Looking up the approach towards the cemetery, non-burial would be on the left side.

The pledge could only take effect if Labour secured a majority on the Vale Council in May's local elections.

At one stage, land at Cemetery Approach looked as if it would be used for flats.

A long-running campaign by the Cemetery Approach Action Group, including gathering more than 11,300 signatures on a petition, prevented the tree-lined avenue from being developed.



LEFT: The pupils of All Saints Church in Wales Primary School welcomed road safety officer, Mr John Rogers, recently. He spoke to them about how to keep safe as they walk to school on dark, winter mornings. For more on this story, please turn to page 4.

DRILLING APPEAL

THE Vale Council has confirmed that a public inquiry will be held into an application to conduct an operation test drilling for either shale or natural gas at Llandow.

Coastal Oil and Gas Ltd lodged the appeal, after its application was refused by the Vale Council.

The planning inspectorate has announced a deadline of February 14 for local residents and organisations to register their objections.

'Thick yellow clouds' over Barry reported to Environment Agency

A WOMAN who lives on Buttrills Hill has been so concerned at the sight of 'thick yellow clouds' drifting across Barry that she has asked the Vale Council to investigate.

Mrs Patricia Calunniato, who works as a nurse at Llandough Hospital, said she has fears for people's health and has urged other local residents who have seen it to report it to the authorities.

"I have contacted the environmental health department at the Vale Council. I'm worried that it might be a sulphur cloud."

"I have seen it in the mornings - it is

bright yellow - at around 11am to noon, and in the afternoon at around 2.30pm to 3pm.

"It drifts across the Waterfront in the direction of Cadoston, Dinas Powys and Sully."

"I think people have a right to breathe fresh, clean air."

Mrs Calunniato said she had particular worries because there are a number of junior schools that surround the Waterfront, such as Holton Road, Gladstone Road and Barry Island.

Thirteen years ago, when she first moved to Barry, Mrs Calunniato reported a chemical smell to the council that was "wafting up Buttrills Hill".

She says the authorities investigated

by **TIM CHAPMAN**

the matter and she was told it was something being used in a cleaning process. It stopped immediately.

BURNING

Last week, a reader from Rhosee, Mr Ian Robinson, contacted The GEM and said: "Before Christmas, residents in Rhosee received communication from Lafarge that the proposed burning of old tyres for fuel was going ahead and I am surprised that there has not been more comment on this proposal."

"As you may know, tyres contain a proportion of sulphur, which would be

ejected from any burning process as sulphur dioxide, no matter at what elevated temperature they are burned."

"On a clear still day - yes, it does happen - approaching Rhosee one cannot fail to notice a line of yellow cloud across the sky above the power station chimney. This is sulphur dioxide: no doubt it is below permitted limits, but the smell is most unpleasant, and I have noticed it on many occasions since moving to Rhosee."

The GEM reported Mrs Calunniato's observations to Environment Agency Wales which invited people to get in touch with their concerns.

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Ongoing cost of town's street art



WITH all the furore and publicity surrounding the bollards in Thompson Street, Barry, it is now alleged that The Vale Council have already had to do remedial repairs to the plastic coating on these so-called magnificent and meaningful structures – due to evidence of rust.

What people need to remember here is that these items of street art cost us, as taxpayers, £30,000.

It may be argued that the money was in the form of a Welsh Assembly grant scheme – but, nonetheless, it is still directly from the taxpayers' pocket. It did not come from the fairs.

It now seems that in order to keep them from rusting, they will need regular inspections and maintenance every year on an ongoing cycle – especially after any original warranties have expired – when maintenance and repair costs will be thrust firmly in the lap of the taxpayer.

The photograph (above) clearly shows one of these bollards with slight impact damage, (the cause of which is as yet unknown) and it is starting to rust.

Doubtless, these bollards will suffer endless scrapes and impact damage, so this problem will be ongoing.

At the moment, the bollards are not much more than about four months old.

What state will they be in after 12 months or more, one wonders?
Barrie Evans, Barry Island.

Mystery of a wartime mine

MANY years ago, The GEM carried an article, accompanied by two photographs, headed 'Graphic pictures that will bring back memories of wartime Barry' (The GEM February 5, 2004).

This describes three German sea mines dropped on Barry Docks in July 1941, killing the first mate on board the SS Highwood.

Of the three mines, one exploded on the quay wall of the dry docks; the second exploded near the basin dock north gate – but the third was lost in thick mud near Rank's Flour Hill and No.2 Dock.

My question is this: is it still there? No-one

seems to know. If it is, then the recent evacuation of a small German town due to an RAF bomb discovered in the Rhine would be as nothing compared to the evacuation and shut-down required in Barry, on recovery.

Can anyone enlighten or re-assure me and your readers?

Mr George Hortop of Barry supplied the original photographs to you, and provided the vital information.

He also recalled that when one mine exploded, "practically every window in the houses of Barry Dock and the Barry Island area was smashed in".

The nearby Barry Dock office clock was stopped when it went off at 1.54am.

Christopher Short, Barry

THE COLUMN YOU WRITE

Readers' Letters

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'OPPOSE LUDICROUS PLAN FOR GOLF CLUB'

I AM very concerned about the latest press reports regarding Brynhill Golf Club, Barry.

Members of the public will already be aware of the potentially dire consequences if this development ever happened – in terms of traffic congestion, noise pollution and so

on. The building plan alone would take five years to complete, causing continuing and permanent misery for drivers of Port Road and residents close by.

Redrow's quote that they are "taking steps to include Brynhill land in the LDP" has one simple meaning: they would attempt to challenge the decisions of

the local planners by whatever means they can.

Such steps will be at the cost of the council taxpayer. It would make a mockery of the work of the planning department undertaken in determining development until 2026.

This is wrong and it appears Redrow have a total disregard for

residents and council planners in their attempt to make millions.

For the sake of Barry as a whole, please be seen to oppose this ludicrous plan to create further road congestion and destruction of open space at our expense. (Name and address supplied)

Fly grazing horses: WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

WITH reference to The recent

GEM report on horses being dumped in fields, I just wanted to comment that some or most of these poor horses may have been destined for the food chain.

Without passports and microchips, even this option is no longer possible.

The horses' future is very uncertain and local people are right to demand urgent action to help them.

Neither the police nor the RSPCA seem to be showing any leadership in this upsetting situation.

I contacted the RSPCA with concerns in

the summer. The person I spoke to would not accept there was a problem – her attitude was not only dismissive, but bordering on rude.

I had a better response from the British Horse Society's welfare officer, who seemed much more caring.

I would question why the police think it is a civil matter?

Defra deals with passport offences and the Animal Welfare Act was introduced to ensure welfare standards are met, so why aren't prosecutions being pursued?

Your article said that the owner has not been 'publicly' identified.

However, it is understood that privately, the authorities know who it is.

R Thomas, Barry

Samaritans' trip was a success

MAY we, through your letters page, thank everyone who once again supported our annual Christmas trip to Bath.

We raised a fantastic £291.14 (that took into account the extra £50 we had to pay for parking), for the Bridgend branch of The Samaritans, which as always will be gratefully received to help fund the telephone lines for Christmas.

We would especially like to thank our Bath regulars for their fantastic support and good company, the ever efficient Hazel and Victoria from Creigiau Travel and their lovely driver Sean.

Also our grateful thanks for the many raffle prizes donated by Vision For Living Ltd; not forgetting all the shops who put a poster up for us – we do appreciate it!

Julie Robinson, Llantwit Major Friends of the Bridgend Samaritans

NO TAX SAVING

YOUR recent correspondent is so right; a tax increase not imposed is no saving at all – unless everything really belongs to the Government. It is more like a burglar who decides to have a night off.
R Bradshaw, Cowbridge

Wanted: wartime photos for living history event

NEXT year sees the 70th anniversary of the arrival of the first American troops in the Vale of Glamorgan during the Second World War.

St Cyres School in Penarth is working alongside a group of local historians to commemorate this event by staging a living history event on Barry Waterfront on the weekend of June 16-17.

It will see 100 British-based American military re-enactors setting up an authentic WW2 American camp.

They will be staging displays, steam train rides from the Waterfront Halt to Barry Island and educational activities centred around Barry and Penarth Docks, major supply ports in the build-up to D-Day.

There will be 1940s-

style entertainment, a live radio broadcast and two 'evacuation' steam trains filled with local primary schoolchildren in 1940s costumes.

The weekend will be a large scale event, with thousands of people expected to attend over the two days.

Do GEM readers have any photographs or documents relating to the American troops in the area during WW2?

If so, we would like to hear from you. A room on Barry Island Station will be filled with exhibits and photographs relating to the period 1942 to 1945.

You can help us make it happen by allowing us to copy and display your photographs and documents.

*I can be contacted at St Cyres School, or on 07708 255295.
Dr Jonathan Hicks (Headteacher St Cyres School Penarth)*

'Thank you to the honest shopper'

I THOUGHT Friday the 13th was going to be my unlucky day – the reason being that while I was at Tesco Barry, doing our weekly shopping, I managed to lose my wallet – it somehow came unclashed and fell from my wrist.

Upon returning home, I discovered the loss and rang Tesco, but nothing had been found.

I resigned myself to the fact that it was prob-

ably gone for good and resolved to be more careful in future.

On Saturday, I called in at Tesco "just in case" and found that a very nice, honest person had handed it in – the staff had put it into the safe for me.

Unfortunately, the person involved had not left any means of contacting them, so I would just like to thank them through your newspaper, as it is refreshing to think that there are still people like this in the world.

Sue Knight, Barry.

'How to avoid the horse droppings'

ON reading The GEM of January 12, I found a letter from a Mr C Short of Barry, who was writing about the Boxing Day meet in Cowbridge.

Why people will go to a hunt meet and then moan about – I quote: "Dodging large splatters of horse manure on pavements" beats me.

He went on to suggest that horses could wear nappies and riders should clean up after their mounts.

He mentioned dog

owners having to pick up their dog mess, but has he read the letters stating that some dog owners take no notice of signs put up?

A football match in Dinas Powys had to be stopped because of people letting their dogs foul the pitch.

Dogs get walked every day. The hunt meets in Cowbridge twice a year.

Perhaps Mr Short will stay away next time from a meet, so that he doesn't have to dodge any manure on pavements.

Mrs J Waters, Llanharri

NAPPIES FOR HUNT HORSES?

WHAT a good laugh I had after reading the comments from C Short, Barry in The GEM last week.

Should you come to Cowbridge to see the hunt leaving in future, perhaps you should wear your Christmas wellies and bring your supply of horse nappies.

Get a life!

M Davies, Cowbridge.

Solution to the horse poo?

I AM concerned to learn that Christopher Short, of Barry, was so distressed by the horse manure in Cowbridge at the meet of the Glamorgan Hunt.

He suggests that horses might wear nappies and/or that our local politicians should address the issue (no pun intended).

I contacted Pampers to enquire about equine disposable nappies, but am sorry to report that the lady I spoke to was unable to help as she seemed to be suffering

from a mild form of hysteria.

The prospect of The GEM's pages being filled with photographs of Jane Hutt and Alun Cairns contemplating piles of horse poo is not a pleasant one, so might I suggest the following simple solution?

Those of your readers who share Mr Short's 'Elf'n' Safety concerns could avoid the mean streets of Cowbridge altogether on Boxing Days.

They could join him in spending the holiday at Barry. No danger in the streets there.

John Pugh, Aberthun

Email your views to:
gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL JANUARY 26)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time		Ht	Time		Ht
	AM	M		PM	M	
19 Thur	05.39	9.4		18.11	9.5	
20 Fri	06.33	9.9		19.00	9.9	
21 Sat	07.17	10.3		19.44	10.2	
22 Sun	08.03	10.4		20.26	10.2	
23 Mon	08.45	10.5		21.08	9.9	
24 Tues	09.28	10.1		21.52	9.7	
25 Wed	10.13	9.7		22.31	9.2	
26 Thur	11.01	9.1		23.19	8.6	

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

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'CONSIDER SAFETY OF CHILDREN!'**'Owners who flout the law on dog fouling should be brought to heel'**

A BARRY man has called for dogs to be banned from the Island's main beach and promenade during the winter, after he and his family saw faeces in a number of locations.

Matthew Jones (31) told The GEM: "We went on a trip to the Island which is supposed to be a family environment, but what we saw was disgusting."

"There was dogs' mess on the promenade, where the cars are parked and on the beach above where the sea goes so it wouldn't be washed away by the tide."

Mr Jones said he was frightened of what would happen if a young child came into contact with dog faeces.

"We took my 18-month-old nephew Luke on our trip. You can't keep your eyes on chil-

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

dren 100 per cent of the time – what if a child fell into the mess?

"I won't go down there again until dogs are banned."

"The owners have a responsibility to supervise their dogs. Why are dogs being allowed to foul on the pavements?"

"I'm not anti-dog – I have relatives with dogs, but the safety of children has to be considered. What we saw was horrendous."

Mr Jones said Welsh Water had spent huge amounts of money to ensure that coastal waters were not impaired with human excrement – and it was ironic that on land, the issue of 'waste' wasn't being dealt with more severely.

Historically, The GEM gets more complaints about this issue just after Christmas than at any time of the year. Perhaps some people

believe – mistakenly – that dogs' mess will be obliterated by heavy rain or snow, and fail to take the normal steps to tidy up after their pet.

'SHOCK AND AWE'

Another frustrated Vale resident, Mr Ian Govier from Rhose contacted The GEM to say the county council should get tough.

He insisted: "Shock and awe is the only way to defeat the dog fouling problem."

"Impose some heavy fines on people and publish their names. That would make them think."

"If people are not carrying poo bags when walking their dogs, there is 95 per cent chance their dog will foul on public footpaths."

"These people know what they are doing but do not care, so hit them hard with heavy fines."

"The councillors and their department managers should stop pussy-footing around."

Colin Smith, the Vale Council works manager for waste management

and cleansing, said: "Dog owners have a legal duty to take responsibility for cleaning up after their pets."

"The council has a dedicated team of enforcement officers but their time is obviously limited and they simply cannot be on a particular site such as Barry Island all of the time."

"As a result, the council recognises and focuses on the importance of educating dog users of their legal duty and the implications of not cleaning up after their pets."

"The council's enforcement officers spend a considerable amount of time proactively encouraging responsible dog ownership and coordinating campaigns that aim to raise awareness of the problems caused by dog fouling."

Mr Smith added: "However, if they establish that there is sufficient evidence of those guilty of the offence, they will be prosecuted by the council, resulting in a Fixed Penalty Notice of £75."



ABOVE: The Blue House raised money for CLIC Sargent this year, a charity helping children to cope with cancer.

CHARITY LIT UP BY £1,129 DONATION**Barry's 'Blue House' shows generosity still exists in hard times**

THE extraordinary generosity of the people of Barry in a time of austerity has been demonstrated by 'The Blue House'.

Each festive season Tony and Linda Ware transform their home into a Christmas lights extravaganza for charity and this year they collected £1,129 for CLIC Sargent, a cause that supports children coping with cancer.

The house, in Barriars Way, has become a familiar and popular sight in the lead up to December 25.

Tony, a train driving instruc-

tor, explained: "We've been putting up the lights since 2004 and the response this year was fantastic. We want to thank everybody who made donations."

"We're just round the corner from The Cherry Orchard and 'The Blue House' has become quite well known – neighbours get involved too."

"The lights go up on December 1 and last for the whole month, and people can make a donation in a bucket."

Among the other charities to benefit from the lights over the years are Ty Hafan, Macmillan and Noah's Ark.

To put this year's figure into context, the previous record was £800 for Noah's Ark – last year's collection reached £450, but was affected by the severe snowfalls.

Local children, like Tony and Linda's daughter, Mollie (12) and son Ben (7), enjoy the lights while funds raised go to a good cause.

Tony added: "All the money this year is going to CLIC Sargent – nothing is taken for the electricity. Recession is a big word at the moment, but people's generosity is still there."

Found: one set of golf clubs...

POLICE are trying to trace the owner of a set of golf clubs and a golf bag, found in Barry on Tuesday, January 10.

PC Teilo Richardson, of the Barry Neighbourhood Policing Team, said: "Someone somewhere may be unaware that their golf clubs are missing. I would urge

local residents to check their sheds and garages and also check vehicles to make sure that they are still secure.

"If anyone can identify this property as theirs, please contact me directly on my mobile 07584 003904."

"Alternatively, you can contact 101 and quote incident number 62120008886," PC Richardson added.

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Agency alerted to yellow cloud

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A spokesperson from Environment Agency Wales said: "We were not aware of this particular report at the time so have not been able to fully investigate to identify the exact cause."

"It could be from the local power station in Aberthaw, which releases a plume of nitrogen dioxide which can appear

as an orange-yellow cloud or streak low in the sky under certain lighting and weather conditions.

"This plume can move down the Bristol Channel with the wind."

"This coloured plume is no different from the normal emissions from the power station and does not pose a risk of poor air quality or local environmental harm."

The spokesman went on to explain: "The coloured plume can occur when releases from the power station are well within the permitted emission limits."

"In future, if people do see a plume that causes concern, please contact our hotline on 0800 80 70 60 so we can check its origin and make sure it does not pose a threat to local people and the environment."

CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

Man's £20,000 cigarette robbery attempt is foiled

AFTER taking part in a burglary, and stealing cigarettes worth £4,000, a man was involved in raiding a Texaco garage at Dinas Powys and stealing tobacco worth £20,000, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Joshua Mackay (19) of Redhouse Crescent, Ely, Cardiff, had pleaded guilty before Vale magistrates to burglary, and guilty before Gwent magistrates to another burglary, and had been committed to Crown Court for sentence.

Said Recorder Winston Roddick: "He needs help more than punishment. They were very serious offences, and were it not for his personal circumstances, I would send him into custody for a substantial period."

And, said the Recorder, he had learning needs which needed addressing, he was dyslexic and dependent on drugs.

He was sentenced to a community order for two years, involving supervision for that period, and a six-month curfew from 8pm to 8am, plus an order to

carry out 200 hours unpaid work.

Prosecutor Alex Greenwood said that Mackay was involved in burgling a Spar store at Llanmartin near Newport.

The defendant was caught by police and explained he was a lookout. He said: "I knew what was going on, I was stupid."

Shutters worth £800 were damaged and the thieves made off with cigarettes worth £4,000.

At 2am on December 5, said Mr Greenwood, the police went to the Texaco garage in Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys, and saw Mackay dropping from the roof and fleeing down the road.

He was chased and caught, and back at the garage the police found a rucksack containing tools, including a crowbar.

The cigarette kiosk had been interfered with and nearby were four black bags containing cigarettes worth £20,000.

Barry man is jailed after a 'vicious' attack

A CATERING worker has been jailed for 27 months at Cardiff Crown Court for carrying out a "vicious and cowardly attack".

Michael Bisgrove (24) of Porthkerry Road, Barry, admitted causing Richard Hamilton actual bodily harm, burglary, aggravated vehicle taking, dangerous driving and possessing an offensive weapon.

Prosecutor Julian Greenwood said that on August 20, Mr Hamilton, aged 41, left his flat in Llandough and went to the home of his sister for drinks. He returned to his flat at about 2.20am and found the front door was ajar and the door frame split.

A man appeared and said: "Come inside." Seconds later, Bisgrove, who he knew, jumped on him from behind and threw him to the ground, where he was punched and kicked.

Mr Hamilton succeeded in running off, but was chased by Bisgrove and another person and in Pinewood Close was held in a headlock and repeatedly punched.

Neighbours saw this assault and were aware of Mr Hamilton being stamped upon. He was later treated for cuts, grazes and swellings at the University Hospital of Wales.

Mr Hamilton later discovered that property had been taken from his flat, where Bisgrove's footprints were discovered.

While on bail, said Mr Greenwood, Bisgrove took a car from outside a house in Dinas Powys. It was spotted by police in the Pengam area of Cardiff and police followed it along roads in Cardiff Bay at 60mph, as Bisgrove accelerated from the police.

He was eventually stopped and he was found to have a pink sock containing a padlock, which constituted an offensive weapon.

Adam Sharpe, defending said: "He acknowledges the aggressive features of the assault and he is anxious to express remorse. I have to say he is realistic about the sentence."

"Before the first incident, he had been drinking and taking valium. The confrontation occurred when Mr Hamilton said he was calling the police."

"It was a vicious and cowardly attack which was carried out in panic."

Judge Rhys Rowlands said Mr Hamilton at no time was in a position to defend himself.

Bisgrove was also disqualified from driving for two years.

PUPILS TAUGHT HOW TO 'BE SAFE, BE SEEN'

ROAD safety officer John Rogers, is a regular visitor to All Saints Church in Wales Primary School and, at a recent visit, he gave an important talk entitled 'Be Safe, Be Seen'.

He demonstrated a range of reflective accessories and emphasised to the children that, on dark mornings and evenings, the journey to and from school can be very dangerous and children wearing dark clothing cannot be easily seen by motorists.

The children had lots of fun trying out the various items and were reminded of the important rules of road safety.

Headteacher Richard Ware emphasised the importance of visibility when crossing busy roads and thanked Mr Rogers for another important lesson in keeping safe.



ABOVE: Pupils try on the reflective clothing.



Views are sought on Upper Holton Road renewal plan

LOCAL people now have the opportunity to put their views forward on how the Upper Holton Road area in Barry should be improved.

Late last year, The GEM broke the news that local traders hoped that a report into the future of the area would act as a catalyst for long term regeneration.

Now the Vale Council is holding a series of drop-in sessions, to discuss its plans for improving the top of Holton Road which forms part of the 'Castleland Renewal Area'.

There are three broad aims:

- To create a consistent look for the design of shops and houses.
- The provision of grants or loans to help convert disused shops into homes.
- To improve the standard of rented housing in the renewal area.

The programme of consultation aims to ensure the renewal work

is guided by the views of businesses and landlords.

Letters will also be sent to residents likely to be affected by the proposals.

The drop-in-sessions are to be held in the Castleland renewal area office, at 198, Holton Road, on January 26 and February 7, between 2pm and 6pm.

The Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Gordon Kemp, said: "The council

is committed to doing everything possible to create an environment in which the Castleland renewal area can flourish."

"I want to ensure that all those with an interest in the renewal area have an opportunity to feed their views to the council, and for those views to be considered before the council brings forward actions for formal adoption later in 2012."

Castleland was declared a renewal area in April 2010.

The consultation documents can be viewed online at www.vale-of-glamorgan.gov.uk or at the following council offices: the Civic offices, Holton Road; the Dock Office, Barry Docks; the renewal area office, 198 Holton Road, Barry.

The deadline for submitting comments is March 14.

Hope yet for Brynhill Golf Club

WHEN a leaflet from Hope for the Vale dropped through my letterbox I attended the recent public meeting in Highlight Community Centre regarding the proposed building of 180 new homes on land to be purchased from Brynhill Golf Club.

The meeting was well

attended, but not as packed as the meeting for the Tesco issue several years ago.

On the top table were the usual politicians; Mr Kemp, Mr Cairns MP, Jane Hutt AM and a few minor councillors. The meeting began with some really constructive comments made by members of the public, but there were several instances of totally unproductive bickering from opposing members of the golf club.

The often-repeated advice from the politicians was that petitions were far less effective than letters, so folks were urged to write personal letters.

Twice Mr Cairns strenuously advocated married couples should each write a letter to swell the numbers.

I have no issue with petitions and letters, and will certainly forward

this one to the debate, but I have to ask, what good did this means of public protest do to preserve such things as the closing of one of the last remaining open air swimming pools in Wales, or closing the only cinema in Barry, our Magistrates Court or moving our driving test centre to Cardiff, and at huge unnecessary cost to taxpayers, back to Barry again?

What is at stake here is much bigger and more far reaching than a local golf club selling green belt land for housing.

It's the finger out of the dyke, the unstoppable snowball rolling down the hill that will ultimately swallow up ever more land from the heritage that is the unique Vale.

Barrie David Corcoran, Barry.

CHURCH CELEBRATES

On Sunday January 22, All Saints Church, Victoria Square, Penarth will mark the completion of its recent interior conversion project with a day of celebration!

At 10am there will be a special service at which the Archbishop of Wales, Most Rev Barry Morgan, will re-dedicate the building. At 6pm All Saints will welcome members of other Penarth churches to a united service to mark the 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity'. All welcome.

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POIGNANT MESSAGES

Art exhibition highlights this year's Holocaust Memorial Day

AN exhibition by two 'war and conflict artists' in Barry will be the centre-piece of the Vale's commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day.

The exhibition, called 'Blue Line', offers the chance to see the dramatic and moving work of Polish artist Maciej Hoffman, whose paintings will be shown alongside the work of Welsh artist, Nicola Tucker, which sensitively examines issues around the theme of Holocaust.

Describing the exhibition, Vale Council arts development officer, Tracey Harding, said: "We are commemorating

Holocaust Memorial Day which is held annually on January 27 for the fifth time.

"Hoffman and Tucker's work complement each other. Tucker's striking and poignant messages are told subtly through her sculptural installations - whereas Hoffman's large-scale canvases immediately impact on the viewer. "It is definitely an exhibition to visit."

WAR ARTIST

Nicola Tucker lives in Cardiff and, in addition to her work as a conflict and war artist, is the UK outreach representative for the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles.

"Blue Line" comes for the first time to

Barry's Art Central gallery from a series of conflict and war art exhibitions across Southern Poland.

The tour will continue in London during the summer of 2012, before it moves to Berlin.

The 'Blue Line' exhibition is the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Holocaust Memorial event for 2012.

Its Art Central gallery at the Town Hall, King Square, Barry will host the exhibition, which will be open to the public from January 24 to February 25, Tuesdays to Saturdays, from 10am to 4pm daily. Entry is free.

Both artists will give a guided tour of the exhibition at Art Central on Wednesday, January 25, at 6.30pm.

For more information on the exhibition, please call 01446 709805, or view the council's website: www.vale-of-glamorgan.gov.uk/artcentral.

ONE of the most infamous collaborators in the history of war was William Joyce, an Irish-American fascist, who was best known as the propaganda-spouting Lord Haw-Haw during World War Two.

No money for Watch Tower!

CONGRATULATIONS to Philip Walters on his interesting article on The Watch Tower (The GEM, January 12).

My family and I spent many a happy hour on the beach by the Watch Tower in the 1960s and

Reader's view

70s. A group of us used to congregate at evenings, weekends, holidays.

Unfortunately, we appear to have a council more concerned with fancy street furniture - picnic areas where one really wouldn't want to sit, and footpath-cycle lanes on Port Road.

This week, I noticed more grass being removed to extend this even further. All this to the detriment of buildings such as Watch Tower.

Yet there is no money for repairs and maintenance, we are told. Jane Ellis-Hughes, Barry.

Burglary warning to local residents

POLICE in Barry have warned residents to keep their homes secure, following several burglaries on Gladstone Road.

Thieves entered a house between 3pm and 9pm on Sunday, January 8 and stole cash and a bank card.

Mobile phones and cash were taken from another property between 10am on the same day and 7:30am the following morning.

Intruders also entered a house between 12am and 12:30am on Thursday, January 12. Nothing was taken as the owner was alerted.

All of the properties were entered via insecure doors, said Acting Sector Inspector Jo Williams: "We would like to remind residents of the importance of basic home security, such as keeping windows and doors locked."

Police are asking anyone with information to contact Barry Police on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

QUIZ NIGHT

A QUIZ night was publicised in last week's GEM for January 28.

It is for members and guests of the Vale of Glamorgan Conservative Association and shareholders of the Wyndham Club only, and not an open event, a spokesman has pointed out.

Lord Haw-Haw was wrong about everything, except Barry's town hall clock!

that in the late 1930s, Barry had one famous resident, indeed an infamous resident, one William Joyce - called 'Lord Haw-Haw'.

"A committed fascist, his call sign from Berlin was 'Germany calling, Germany calling' except that he pronounced it 'Jermainy' in a plummy mock upper-class cadence.

"You may ask what was his connection to Barry? Well, he lived in Newlands Street and in one of his Berlin radio broadcasts, referred to Barry Town

Hall clock and remarked that one face was two minutes slower than the other; he was right.

"But why had he been in Barry? A Cambridge graduate working for a local coach company? I have spent years trying to find out.

"My conclusions are that he, as a committed and prominent Black Shirt fascist and a follower of Oswald Mosley, was here to service the strong Black Shirt group in the Vale or to help

establish the Abwehr (German) spy ring which was to report from south Wales, with an important agent based here in Barry.

"Those are my conclusions. I may be wrong!

"Furthermore, I believe he deserves a blue plaque (or should that be black?) with a swastika attached.

"It could be a major boost to tourists viewing the sights in Newlands Street," Mr Short suggests.

Dinas Powys Conservatives unveil council candidates



THE Vale of Glamorgan Welsh Conservatives have announced the candidates selected by the Dinas Powys branch to stand in the 2012 local elections. They are Vince Driscoll, Nigel Streeter, Robert Foxwell and Andy Robinson (pictured above).

34 calls to police by Vale CCTV

Vale CCTV operators contacted the police on 34 occasions during the week ending January 15.

Working under the umbrella of the Safer Vale Partnership, the team passed on information which led to the arrest of a person on Windsor Road, Penarth, on January 15, for allegedly being drunk in charge of a vehicle.

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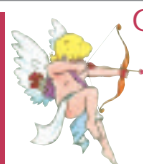
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FOLLOW THE (VALE) LEADER

Progress made, despite the financial pressures

LAST year was not an easy one for many of us – it certainly was not the best year for local government, with ever increasing financial pressures.

Happily, it wasn't all bad news and the Vale has been able to make progress in many areas.

Our new mixed recycling system and the food waste collection service have proved very popular with residents and it is good news that extra items – cartons (tetra paks), clean foil and empty aerosols – will now be collected as part of our kerbside recycling.

The visitor centres at both Cosmeston Lakes Country Park and Cowbridge Library were both refurbished and it was a pleasure to attend the official opening of the new Cowbridge School.

Plans are on track for the Penarth Learning Community, which will provide a new home for St Cyres Comprehensive and the Vale's special schools.

Last year, also saw our two new Welsh medium seed schools, Ysgol Dewi Sant in Llantwit Major and Ysgol Nant Talwg in Barry, welcome their first



Leader of the council, Gordon Kemp, and Elfed Roberts, chief executive of the National Eisteddfod, with the Italian Trophy.



by Coun GORDON KEMP
Leader of the Vale Council

intake of pupils.

We saw the culmination of 10 years of investment and improvement work on the Penarth Central Renewal Area project and the start of a similar project in Barry – the Castleland Renewal Area.

Our website is growing in popularity, with more residents than ever finding that it is a quick and efficient way to request council services.

Parents of school-age children have been keen to use the new facility that allows them to pay for school meals and music lessons online, or over the phone.

I'm told that many residents are now also using social media to contact the council, using our new Facebook site, Vale of Glamorgan Life, as well as

Twitter, @vougouncil.

The council is a huge organisation, whose work affects everyone in the county. We don't get everything right and can't always please everyone, but we are always looking at ways to improve our services, which can be difficult with budget cuts.

I am, however, sure the council will still make progress this year.

The Vale's cabinet and the majority of our staff are local people, and like other residents, we all want the best services possible for our county.

We certainly have plenty to look forward to next year, with the Olympic flame passing through Barry and Dinas Powys on May 26, and Vale communities celebrating the

Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June; then in August we have the honour of hosting the National Eisteddfod.

At last year's Eisteddfod in Wrexham the Vale was presented with the 'Italian Trophy', which is always held by the county council that is to host the Eisteddfod in the coming year.

It was made by Italian World War II prisoners of war who spent their captivity in Wales and presented it to the Eisteddfod, to thank the people of Wales for the kindness shown to them during their captivity.

The trophy is now on show at the County Library in Barry.



The Responders show off their certificates.

FIRST RESPONDERS CELEBRATE SUCCESS

VALE Community First Responders (CFRs) recently received certificates acknowledging their success in training courses run by the Welsh Ambulance Service (WAS).

At a presentation evening hosted by Dow Corning Ltd, they were praised by the Chair of WAS, Stuart Fletcher, and regional director Richard Lee, who said: "The commitment of the CFRs

here in the Vale is without question, and their support for us as a Welsh Ambulance Service, but more so their support for their own community is fantastic.

"They go that extra mile and provide hope to neighbours, friends and the public in general."

The evening also enabled WAS to recognise the support provided by Dow Corning Ltd. in the shape of facilities and resources for members of staff and others who have been trained as CFRs.

A certificate was presented to

David Ott, Manager Dow Corning Ltd who commented: "We are proud as a company to be associated with the work of the CFRs in the Vale."

Anyone interested in becoming a First Responder, should contact Tony Rossetti, First Responder Officer on 02920 932917 or email tony.rossetti@wales.nhs.uk

A new CFR training course is scheduled for the last two weekends in January. Contact Bryan Foley on 07779 658331.

NEWS ROUND-UP FROM PENARTH DISTRICT RAMBLERS CLUB

Thunder and lightning nothing to these 14 intrepid walkers!

A FREAK storm with lightning, a huge thunderbolt and hailstones that made the pavements and roads white occurred not long before Janet and John were due to lead a walk at Cardiff Bay, and they were astonished on their arrival at Cogan Leisure Centre to find a group of 14 walkers all togged up eager and ready to go.

This walk formed part of the Festival of Winter Walks. Leaving Cogan, the group crossed

Windsor Road to Cogan Hill and turned down towards the Penarth Marina, where they were hit by the first rainfall.

The Cardiff Barrage lies across the mouth of the bay between Queen Alexandra Dock and Penarth Head and was constructed to make a huge lake, whereas before this the bay was tidal.

Previously, huge mudflats attracted wading birds, but were not very pretty to look at, and now three locks take care of the maritime vessels entering and leaving the bay and a fish pass allows salmon to reach their breeding grounds in the River Taff.

The skies above Garth

Hill turned inky black and on the English side of the Bristol Channel rainfall or something much worse could be seen travelling towards the east; but the group remained dry as they passed through a corridor between the two which was filled with sunshine.

High in the skies above the north of Cardiff, two arched rainbows hung in the air as the group made their way towards the Norwegian Church, where some of them decided to partake of morning coffee.

For the rest, it was time to explore and eyes were drawn towards the glass and wood of the

Senedd, which houses the National Assembly and was opened by Queen Elizabeth on March 1, 2006.

Next door is the attractive terracotta pier-head Building erected in 1897 and designed by William Frame, whose mentor was William Burgess who refurbished Castell Coch.

It became the administrative office for the Port of Cardiff and the exterior features carved friezes, gargoyles and hexagonal chimneys.

Standing above Roald Dahl Plass, which was previously the oval basin of the dock, the bowl-like shape of the plaza has made it a popular place for outdoor concerts and leaning on the railings the sun was surprisingly warm for the beginning of January.

Making their way towards the Wales Millennium Centre, they admired the exterior formed of multi-coloured slate, collected from Welsh slate quarries. The bronze coloured dome and the inscriptions in calligraphy on the front of the building in both Welsh and English make this a striking building.

Rejoining the group, they made their return towards the Barrage, when views were suddenly obliterated as they were hit by a ferocious wind that almost lifted them off their feet and heavy rain fell.

However, as soon as they reached the Penarth side, the wind dropped – but the rain continued to fall for the remainder of their journey back.

Membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

JOY STRANGWARD.

Lady Charlotte Guest, the ceramics expert

THE first meeting of Rhose WI in 2012 was held on January 5 at the Community Hall, Stewart Road.

President Jenny Reed welcomed members, wished everyone a Happy New Year, and remarked that once again it was gratifying to see so many new members and visitors.

The main item of the evening was a talk by Mrs Ann Rogers on the life of Lady Charlotte Guest. This was the much-anticipated second part of Mrs Rogers' talk. We had heard earlier in the year of Lady Guest's life as the wife of the owner of the Dowdalls Works and how she had run the Works after his death.

We now learned of her second marriage to her children's tutor and of the way in which she became an international expert on ceramics, with collections now held at the Victoria and Albert Museum, and also of her many philanthropic activities during her long and remarkable life. After a very interesting talk, the vote of thanks to the speaker was made by Jill Jones.

Members were asked to cast their votes in the preliminary round for the choice of the WI 2012 Resolution.

These will then be used in the selection of the final resolutions to be voted for in May.

Rhose chose the resolution asking the government to provide for the training and employment of more midwives, with that demanding the eradication of fuel poverty coming a very close second.

Members were reminded that entries for the photographic and limerick competitions should be submitted, under a pseudonym, in February, in good time for the Eisteddfod on March 1.

Before closing the meeting, the president passed on a warning from the Office of Fair Trading about rogue traders who are selling mobility-aids using high-pressure selling methods. WIs, among other groups, are being asked to pass this on and to be vigilant on behalf of any vulnerable people in their neighbourhoods.

The raffle was won by visitor Sheila Gibbons and the competition by Jeanne Morris Peters. The next meeting will take place at the Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhose, on February 2 at 7:30pm, when Mrs Erna Cacace will give a talk entitled 'Precious Pearls'.

YOU never forget how to ride a bicycle, they say – sport participants achieve excellence by constant practice and working to improve.

If you use a computer, you will have benefited from the rapid improvement in the machines and software.

The benign purpose of designers is to make life easier for the user. There is no doubt that they have succeeded in doing that, but the benefit comes at a cost. Users are now far less familiar with the basics.

Not the youngsters who have been taught computer technology as part of their education, but those who came to computing as adults and needed to acquire new skills to use a computer to advantage.

The arrival of Windows with its Mouse and Icons opened the door of computing to the world at large and has continued with the advances of digital photography, emails and so on.

Penarth Computer Club GETTING BACK TO BASICS

It is now possible to do so much without having any idea of what is going on inside the machine. You don't need the ability to build a car to drive one, but if it goes wrong – you're stuck.

Generally, the more you know about the basics, the better off you are if something does go wrong. It might even be as basic as being able to explain what happened. It could be that the understanding makes you aware of what could go wrong and avoid the problem in the first place.

(As I never tire of pointing out: the only people who never back up their files are those who haven't lost any, yet!)

With all that in mind, last year we introduced some short sessions before the main topic of a meeting. Short sessions enable us to review some of the basics; to help people understand more when something goes wrong.

I was reminded recently of a very basic point – the file extension. All files have a name in the

form of *filename (dot) file extension*. The file name can be anything you choose. The file extension, on the other hand, is supplied by the programme used to create the file.

The benefit to you is that if you click on the file to open it, your computer will read the extension; know which programme to load and open the file for you.

If you cannot see the file extension, open any folder; click on Tools > Folder options > View, then untick the box that says 'Hide extensions for known file types' and click Apply. You will then be able to see extensions: C:\doc, for document files; C:\xls, for spreadsheet files; C:\txt, for text files and so on.

Two files could have the same name, but the extensions will clarify the difference. Basics are useful: every little bit helps your understanding.

For more information, telephone 029 20708439.
HOWARD DESMOND

MAN 'LOST HIS RAG' AFTER WIFE'S AFFAIR

A LOCAL authority manager "completely lost his rag" when he discovered that his wife of 26 years was having an affair.

Phillip Thomas, 51, went to the Maesteg home of Adam Elward-Jones and repeatedly pummelled him to the face, causing him to end up "like a rag doll".

Mr Elward-Jones, 48, suffered a broken cheekbone and nose, and subsequently lost three stone and also suffers depression.

Thomas, of Litchard Park, Bridgend, a man with no previous convictions, admitted a charge of inflicting grievous bodily harm.

He was jailed for 10 months, the sentence suspended for a year, and ordered to carry out 200 hours unpaid work and to pay his victim £1,000 compensation and prosecution costs of £350.

Judge Patrick Curran said: "The attack was in the presence of the victim's wife, and he was pummelled repeatedly."

Prosecutor John Warren said the attack occurred on September 7 at the Morris Street home of Mr Elward-Jones.

The court was told that Mr Elward-Jones was having an affair with the defendant's wife and they were planning to leave

by AJ SICLUNA

their respective partners.

The victim received a text message from Mrs Thomas, saying her husband was on the way to see him.

Thomas then telephoned, saying: "I'm going to smash your face in. I'm going to tell your wife."

Mr Elward-Jones told his wife what had been happening.

Thomas arrived by car, was allowed into the house, and said: "Are you the weasel who has been seeing my wife?"

He was described as "going mad" and launched himself at the other man, punching him to the head with both fists.

His legs gave way, said Mr Warren, and he slumped onto a sofa, where he was described as looking like a "rag doll".

"Mrs Elward-Jones intervened and threw herself on her husband to protect him," said Mr Warren.

Thomas left, saying: "You had better not phone the police, you piece of ..."

There was a pool of blood on the floor and blood on the walls, furniture and fireplace.

Mr Elward-Jones was taken to hospital, where he was found to have a broken cheekbone and nose. He has persistent numbness which could take 18 months to resolve itself.

Thomas told the police his wife admitted the affair and that he had gone to the house to confront Mr Elward-Jones, who is no longer in the relationship with Mrs Thomas, and is attempting a reconciliation with his wife.

He also told the police: "I'll do the same thing again tomorrow."

Mr Warren said: "The victim's work and social life has been affected, as has his vision, and there was leaking from the cerebral sac."

Thomas' counsel Hugh Wallace said: "The victim's wife invited the defendant into the house and the defendant was accused by him of using violence to his own wife, which probably caused him to lose his temper."

"He completely lost his rag, but there is genuine remorse and sorrow. The provocation was extreme."

"The attack was an isolated incident and there is no reason to send this man into custody. The couple are working to get back together."

"To a large extent, the complainant brought the matter upon himself."

The judge pointed out that from testimonials, it was clear that Thomas was a man of positively good character.

Backing the private sector may add 3,000 jobs in three years

THE Welsh Government is taking action to support growth and jobs with the levers and finance we have at our disposal.

The £30m announcement last week by Jeff Cuthbert AM, Deputy Minister for Skills, is an example of our action to support the private sector in these endeavours.

The Skills Growth Wales announcement will extend this scheme to support the creation of 3,000 jobs over the next three years.

We are extending this successful scheme following the delivery of support for 90 companies training over 8,000 employees with funding from the European Social Fund and Welsh Government.

The extension was agreed to help another 200 companies achieve their growth plans, with the 3,000 job target announced.

The scheme was closed last March as all the fund had been committed but with careful financial management we have been able to re-

open and extend Skills Growth Wales in priority sectors. It was pleasing to hear Gareth Jenkins, Chair of Engineering Employers Federation Wales, back this announcement, saying that this scheme has supported Welsh companies at a time when they most need it, showing a great example of how private and public partnerships can work well.

He said: "It has enabled businesses to absorb new technology, enter new markets with our skills and broaden the access of our people to high quality training."

Companies receiving funding through this scheme will be expected to take up accredited training programmes that lead to qualification at level-2 or above in areas of leadership and management business improvement techniques and other relevant vocational qualifications.

The funding for Skills Growth Wales will complement the Jobs Growth Wales programme for our 16-24 year olds to be launched in April with much-needed employment

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Vale AM JANE HUTT
(Minister for Finance and Leader of the House)

opportunities for young people in the private, public and voluntary sectors for a six-month period. There is also capital funding for companies under the Economic Growth fund announced by Edwina Hart, the Business Minister, last November.

This is all good news as we work to support jobs and growth and boost economic prospects for business in Wales.

We can also look at the construction jobs that will be created as we spend our capital programme to capacity, despite the 40 per cent

cut in UK Government funding, and look to innovative forms of financing new projects for housing, schools and roads. I recently announced that we would be assisting local authorities with their borrowing powers to finance a highways improvement programme across Wales.

I look forward to seeing plans emerge from every local authority through this programme. We are also looking at further ways we can assist in the 21st century schools building programmes.

I am also delighted we are investing in our railways with the funding of an additional platform at Barry Town Station which will boost capacity and frequency of trains on the Vale of Glamorgan line, announced in the National Transport Plan in December.

Boosting growth and jobs is at the top of the Welsh Government agenda and as Finance Minister, I am leading the development of a Wales infrastructure investment plan, which will help us deliver these goals.

FONMON APIARY JANUARY REPORT

Mild spell sees the bees buzzing into spring

A new year has begun, but as far as the bees are concerned the old one never ended; although we have experienced some stormy conditions, on the whole it has been very mild, and the bees have been active - thanks to these prevailing conditions.

This does, of course, mean that they will have been consuming stores regularly to support their activity. All beekeepers should be assessing the needs of each colony, and feeding where required.

In my case, this will mean placing strips of the ready rolled icing-sugar that can be

sourced from supermarkets on top of the frames that are immediately beneath the crown board.

It is probably too much to ask of them to take down sugar-syrup just yet, as it will have to be processed by the bees and, of course, should they decide to store it, wax-makers are required and they may not be there yet.

So if you decide to feed your bees, use the icing sugar or make up some bee-candy (recipes are in your bee-books).

More bees will be lost due to starvation than to disease or bad weather. Already the Pussy Willow is producing catkins. This is an

early source of pollen for the bees and they will seek out pollen as part of their spring activity.

'The Times They Are a Changing!' or so the song says, and for us beekeepers it is certainly true; if the mild conditions persist, we must anticipate an early start to our beekeeping year and have equipment ready to supply the needs of each colony.

I have been putting the trays under some hives to give me an indication as to the mite numbers in them; in this way the decision to treat or not to treat for Varroa can be made.

All beekeepers should have a board or tray under the mesh floor, so that the debris dropping through can be examined for mites throughout the season - believe me, you will have mites - everyone has them.

A sample that I had from one hive did not look to have many mites visible to the naked eye; however, when examined with a large magnifier the count was 450.

Admittedly, I do have a large magnifier with a built-in light and it makes the task of counting much simpler.

Should you get around to checking for mites, especially after an application of Apiguard or such, do not be surprised to end up counting into the thousands.

Lots of bees equate to lots of mites, as their breeding cycle is right in step with that of your bees.

At the moment, I am keen to get a look into any of the hives to see if there is brood in evidence: if I look too soon, there is every chance that my impatience could lead to the chilling of any brood present and this could set back any good start already afoot.

Patience is required, but if the temperatures stay up in the teens, I might just risk a quick look in one hive.

Considering the number of years that I have been keeping bees now, there is still that eagerness to peek in and see how well or not they have got on throughout the winter months.

Is spring here yet? A lot of plants think so, and I'm sure the bees do as well.

HAROLD WILLIAMS

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Tickets £3 (in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on the door subject to availability).

BRYNHILL HOUSING PLAN: OPPOSITION GROUP PREPARES FOR A LONG BATTLE

LOCAL residents presented a united front this week at a public meeting called to oppose plans to build homes on part of Brynhill Golf Club.

The meeting, held on Monday (January 16) at Highlight Park Community Centre discussed the proposals which have been put forward by the golf club and housebuilders Redrow.

Leading the opposition is the residents' group HOPE (Highlight Organisation to Protect our Environment), and it is fair to say that politicians from all parties are lining up alongside them.

HOPE chairman Jill John told THE GEM: "We are delighted that the meeting was so well attended, although we were disappointed that neither Redrow nor

Report by PHILIP IRWIN

Brynhill Golf Club sent official representatives. "Alun Cairns MP spoke and emphasised that, in his opinion, it was important that as many residents as possible should write to the council's planning department to oppose the plan.

"As a group, we are producing a template letter, but only as a guideline, as we are aware of his advice that individual letters carry more weight than ones that all read the same."

She added: "What really annoys us is the expectation that Redrow will be hiring a team of expensive barristers to railroad this plan onto the Local Development Plan (LDP).

"We were advised to hire our own barrister, which means we would have to start fundraising to hire someone, and it makes us very

angry that Redrow can use its financial muscle this way."

Vale AM Jane Hutt said: "The strength of feeling at the public meeting was clear.

"Widespread concerns about the impact on access and traffic congestion, as well as the adverse environmental impact of this development on this green space area of Barry were expressed.

"I welcome the good news that the Vale Council has decided not to include the site in the deposit plan for development, based on the sound considerations of its planning department"

Conservative councillors Katherine Kemp and Marguerita Wright, who represent the Illyd ward, said: "It was disappointing that neither Brynhill Golf Club nor Redrow Homes, although invited to attend, chose not

to send representatives to the meeting.

"Had they done so, they would have appreciated that the strength of feeling of those present demonstrated the opposition of residents to the proposals.

"We continue to fully support the efforts of HOPE in the Vale."

Dance fitness

LOCAL people are being urged to join Sound of Music star Connie Fisher, ambassador for British Heart Foundation Cymru, in the dance fitness party of the year, and be a part of British Heart Foundation Cymru's 'Red for Heart' month on Sunday, February 5 at Mercure Holland House Hotel, Newport Road, Cardiff from 10am-6pm.

Telephone Sharon Owen on 02920 382408, or email owensh@bhf.org.uk for full details.

Station upgrade 'will boost town regeneration' says the Vale AM

WELSH Government Transport Minister, Carl Sargeant AM, announced the National Transport Plan before Christmas, which included an additional platform to be provided at Barry Town Station.

He recently wrote to Jane Hutt AM to tell her that a new platform on the South side at Barry station is key to the delivery of the plan - which includes proposals for electrification of the Valleys lines network.

Ms Hutt commented: "It is great to hear

that the new platform will upgrade the station, creating extra capacity and enabling additional train services to Cardiff Airport and Llantwit Major on the Vale of Glamorgan Line.

"It is also good news that the Department of Transport has released funding for the new footbridge at Barry Island Train station which provides a vital link across the Island.

"It enhances the railway provision to and from the station, contributing to the regeneration of Barry."

PACT meetings

CORNERSWELL PACT, 7pm, January 19, at Penarth Leisure Centre.

DINAS POWYS PACT, 7pm, January 23, at St Mary's Church, Edith Road.

WENVOE PACT, 7pm, January 25, at Wenvee Community Hall.

ILLYD PACT, 7pm, Thursday, January 26, Mount Sorrel Hotel, Porthkerry Road, Barry.

GIBBONS DOWN PACT, 10.30am, February 1, at Gibbonsdown Residents Board Office, Coychurch Rise, Barry.

A gold badge for Legion stalwart Joan



ABOVE: Joan Lake receives her RBL gold badge for loyal service to the Legion.

At the monthly meeting of the Barry branch of the Royal British Legion on Monday, January 9 in the Mayor's parlour, Barry Memorial Hall, a presentation of an RBL gold badge was made to Mrs Joan Lake for service to branch.

She has held the posts of branch secretary and welfare officer and is county representative as well as schools liaison officer for Barry.

President of the Barry branch, Mr Keith Harris, paid tribute to her, which was endorsed by all members at the meeting.

Horticultural society's SOS for volunteers

THE 42nd AGM of the Penarth Horticultural Society will take place on January 31 at 7pm in the Elfed Avenue Church Hall, Penarth.

We will have the opportunity to reflect on recent successes and also to discuss ways in which we can continue to move with the times, to ensure that we remain a progressive and dynamic society, meeting the needs of our membership and the community as a whole.

This will be a crucial meeting to decide the future of the society.

We have been blessed with some hard working committee members over the years, but because of the society rules or for personal reasons, some of the members cannot be re-elected.

This, then, is a plea for willing volunteers to

come forward and join our committee. If we're unsuccessful in recruiting new committee members, we will no longer be able to function in our present form.

This could well lead to the closure of the society, which in turn would mean that there will be no more Petticoat Lane events and no more annual shows, surely a great loss to Penarth, Barry, Dinas Powys and the surrounding areas?

The positions that must be filled to ensure our continuation as a society are as follows: chairman, treasurer, secretary, sponsorship secretary and membership secretary.

Anyone willing to take on these roles will be given the full support of the remaining committee members.

Please contact the secretary on 07999 820643 if you would like further information.

STELLA WELLS

Library staff upgrade their customer skills

STAFF at the Vale Council's County Library in Barry have achieved their NVQ Level 2 customer service certificates.

They were presented with their certificates by Chris Williams and Lisa Taylor of Cardiff and Vale College.

Alison Singleton, Marie Griffith and Laura Whitmarsh had regular visits from Lisa Taylor,

deputy coordinator, who carried out observations during their working day.

"NVQs are a great way to really think about your job and get recognition for what you do," said Alison.

As well as the three staff who completed the NVQ in customer service, two other staff, Julian Evans and Alyson Hemlock, completed their NVQs in library and information services.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL VARIOUS ROADS, CARDIFF AIRPORT (VARIOUS PROHIBITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS TO VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS) (ANTI-TERRORISM) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2012

The Vale of Glamorgan Council, following the recommendation of the Chief Constable of Police, and in exercise of its powers as Highway Authority under Sections 14(1) and 22C of the Road traffic regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, for the purposes of avoiding, reducing, or reducing the likelihood of, danger connected with terrorism, intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an order the general effect of which will be to introduce prohibitions, restrictions and limitations in those locations and during those times specified below:

Pursuant to the powers afforded by section 22C of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the use of the public highway, by all classes of user, with the exception of use by a) vehicles of the Emergency Services or b) other classes of user to be agreed with the Chief Constable South Wales Police in the interests of Airport Security and Public safety will be limited as shown by temporary markings, physical barriers and signs in so far as such use may be restricted by the above Act.

The powers described above may be exercised so such an extent that any provision of any existing Permanent Order, or the provisions of this Temporary Order, may, be commenced, suspended, varied or revived during its duration.

Except as provided by this Order:

No person shall proceed on foot or cause or permit any vehicle or cycle to proceed, stop or wait at any time, in the location specified within the Schedule below.

SCHEDULE

Location: All roads between the roundabout where the airport access road meets the A4226/B4265 and the junctions where the two airport access roads meet Port Road.

Reasons: These prohibitions, restrictions and limitations are made for the purpose of avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the roads; avoiding, reducing, or reducing the likelihood of, danger connected with terrorism or for a purpose relating to danger or damage connected with terrorism (as defined in Section 1 of the Terrorism Act 2000).

Duration: From 18.01 hours on 30th January 2012 for a maximum period of 18 Months.

Alt Route: The diversions for south east bound traffic will be from the roundabout adjacent to the Aircraft Maintenance Facility, then in a south easterly direction along the A4226 to the roundabout at the junction with Port Road then in a south westerly direction along Port Road, to the Airport and vice-versa.

Dated this 19th day of January 2012

M E Punter
Head of Visible Services, Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe, CF5 6AA



CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG AMRYWIOL FFYRDD, MAES AWYR CAERDYDD (AMRYWIOL WAHARDDIADAU A CHYFYNGIADAU AR SYMUDIADAU GAN GERBYDAU A CHERDDWYR) GORCHYMYN (GWRTHDERFYSGAETH) (DROS DRO) 2012

Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, yn dilyn argymhellid Prif Gwnstabl yr Heddlu, ac wrth arfer ei bwerau fel Awdurdod Cefnffyrdd o dan Adranau 14(1) a 22C o Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, gyda'r bwriad o osgoi, leihau, neu leihau'r tebygolrwydd o'r perygl a gysylltir â therfysgaeth, yn bwriadu ar ôl saith diwrnod o ddyddiad y Rhybudd hwn i wneud gorchymyn gyda'r effaith gyffredinol o gylfwyno gwaharddiadau a chyfyngiadau yn y lleoliadau, ac ar yr adeg-gau, a enwir isod:

Yn unol â'r pwerau a roddir gan adran 22C o Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984, bydd y defnydd o'r briffordd gyhoeddus, gan bob dosbarth o ddefnyddwyr, ac eithrio defnydd gan a) gerbydau'r Gwasanaethau Brys neu b) dosbarthau eraill o ddefnyddwyr i'w cytuno gyda Phrif Gwnstabl Heddlu De Cymru er budd Diogelwch y Maes Awyr a Diogelwch y Cyhoedd, yn cael ei gylfyngu i'r hyn a ddangosir gan farciau dros dro, rhywstrau corfforol ac arwyddion cyn belled â bo hawl i'r cyfryw ddefnydd gael ei gylfyngu gan y Ddeddf uchod.

Gall y pwerau a ddisgrifir uchod gael eu harfer i'r fath fodd fel bod unrhyw ddarpariaeth o dan unrhyw Oorchymyn Barhaol bresennol, neu ddarpariaethau'r Gorchymyn Dros Dro hwn, gael eu dechrau, eu hatal, eu hamrywio neu eu hadfer yn ystod ei gyfnod.

Heblaw fel y darperir gan y Gorchymyn hwn:

Ni chaniateir i unrhyw berson fynd ar droed neu beri neu ganiatáu i unrhyw gerbyd neu feic i fynd, stopio neu aros ar unrhyw adeg, yn y lleoliad a enwir o fewn yr Atodlen isod.

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Lleoliad: Pob ffordd rhwng y gylchfan sy'n cysylltu ffordd fynediad y maes awyr â'r A4226/B4265 a'r cyffyrdd sy'n cysylltu dwy ffordd fynediad y maes awyr â Port Road.

Rhesymau: Bwriad y gwaharddiadau a'r chyfyngiadau yma yw i osgoi perygl i unigolion neu draffig arall sy'n defnyddio'r ffyrdd; gan osgoi, leihau, neu leihau'r tebygolrwydd o'r perygl a gysylltir â therfysgaeth neu o fwrdd i'w diffiniedig â pherygl neu ddifod sy'n gysylltiedig â therfysgaeth (yn ôl y gysylltiedig yn Adran 1 o Ddeddf Derfysgaeth 2000).

Hyd: O 18.01 ar 30 Ionawr 2012 am fwyafswm cyfnod o 18 mis.

Llywyb Amgen: Bydd gwyrddau ar gyfer traffig i gyfeiriad y ddwyriain yn dechrau ar y gylchfan ger y Ganolian Cynnal a Chadw Awyrennau, yna mewn cyfeiriad de ddwyreiniol ar hyd yr A4226 hyd at y gylchfan ar y gyffordd gyda Port Road ac yna mewn cyfeiriad de orllewinol ar hyd Port Road, i'r Maes Awyr, ac i'r gwrthwyneb.

Dyddiedig y 19 dydd o Ionawr 2012

M. E. Punter
Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Gweladwy,
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Swyddfa'r Alpau,
Gwenvo. CF5 6AA.



VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

Brynhill: LDP is the key to planning decisions

MORE than 200 people attended a public meeting in Barry on Monday evening to oppose a plan that could allow the development of 180 houses on Brynhill Golf Club.

The background to this issue is relevant to the whole of the Vale because it relates to the Local Development Plan (LDP) and may well be the first of many such meetings across the county.

In summary, the Welsh Government require every local authority to draft an LDP, which is essentially a document that outlines where and where not building is likely to be permitted or rejected until 2026.

Between now and then, I suspect that I will be asked to support or oppose individual planning applications, which I am happy to consider – but in reality, the guide to whether any application will be allowed is contained within this document.

Therefore, this plan is fundamental to individual planning applications over the next 15 years and to the way we want our community to look.

Locals will have little influence to object to a development in two or five years time if it is included in this document.

Likewise, an application to build in an area listed as being protected in the plan will again carry little



Vale MP **ALUN CAIRNS** reports to GEM readers

traction. The local planning committee has the final say on applications, but their decisions will be based on the LDP.

The meeting at Highlight Park, off Port Road, was organised by HOPE, a campaign group that I have been working with, who want to protect their environment.

To their credit, they have been working since last March, waiting for the publication of the LDP, because they appreciated its importance.

As a result, they attracted a packed hall to inform locals of the steps they should take to support the council position (as listed in the LDP) - to maintain Brynhill as an area for recreation, not for development.

What is the process from here for all communities across the Vale and what action should you take?

The LDP goes into formal consultation on January 25 for six weeks. The document can be viewed on my website and on the Vale Council's site and, of course, at the council offices. Why not check to see how your community is affected and send in a letter of support or opposition? Be sure that the developers will be keen to send their views in!

The Vale Council will then make amendments to their LDP, probably by the autumn, and then hand over to the Welsh Government. At that stage the Welsh Government will consider the matter and it is likely to hold public inquiries in relation to areas of dispute.

The views you express now will allow the Welsh Government to establish if there is common support or apparent differences with the LDP.

At that stage, the Welsh Government will make the final decision. Therefore, the LDP is crucially important to your community.

Don't miss this once in a 15-year opportunity to help shape our environment.

Eisteddfod trophy goes on display in the Vale

TO mark the National Eisteddfod at Llandow in August, the Vale Council has been presented with the historic 'Italian Trophy', which is now on show at the County Library, Barry.

Handmade by Italian prisoners in Wales during World War II and inscribed with the word 'Heddwch' (peace) the trophy is held by the council hosting the Eisteddfod.

Council leader Gordon Kemp said: "It is an honour to take charge of the Trophy and to have the chance to host the Eisteddfod."

"Staff across the council are work-

ing closely with the National Eisteddfod to ensure that the event is a success. I'm told that tickets will go on sale in March and we are hoping local people will come out in force to support the event."

Elfed Roberts, chief executive of the National Eisteddfod, said: "It is a tradition that at each Eisteddfod the council that will be holding the next event is presented with the Italian Trophy, which they hold until it passes to the next host council."

"It is an historic item and I hope visitors to the library will enjoy having the chance to see it."



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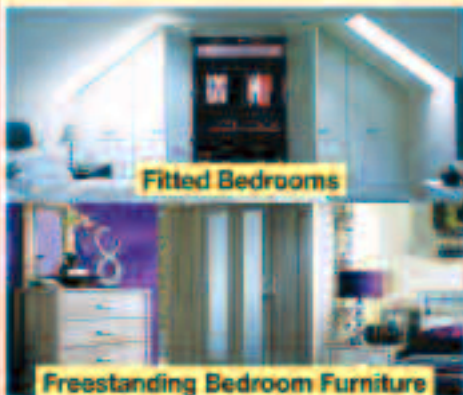
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GYDA 200 o ddyddiau'n unig i fynd cyn cychwyn Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Bro Morgannwg ar hen faes awyr Llandw, mae'r Eisteddfod wedi cyhoeddi manylion tocynd wythnos ar gyfer ymwelwyr i'r Fro.

Meddai'r Prif Weithredwr, Elfed Roberts, "Fel pob gwyl a digwyddiad mawr arall, rydym yn dibyn- nawn iawn ar gefnogaeth ein hymwelwyr, a rydan ni'n awyddus i'w gwneud yn fwy hawdd i'n cynulleidfia selog ein cefnogi drwy gennu cynig- ier arbennig i'w hamnwg i ddeulio mwy o amser ar Faes yr Eisteddfod.

"Dyw tocynd wyth- nos yr Eisteddfod ddim yn rwybath newydd, ond ar ôl siarad gyda nifer fawr o Eisteddfodwyr y llynedd ac ers hynny, roedd yn amlyg nad oedd pawb yn ymwybodol o'r arbedion gwirioneddol mae'r tocynd yn ei gynnig i'r rheini sydd am deulio nifer o ddyddiau yn cwrwyo'r Maes.

"Ymhen 200 o ddy- ddiau rydym yn mawr oethio i bydd pobl yn tyrru i Landw o bob cwr o Gymru i fwynhau'r Eisteddfod. Bydd can- noedd o weithgareddau o bob math yn aros amdanyn nhw ar y Maes, a rydym eisias sicrhau bod cynifer o bobl â phosibl yn treulio cymaint o ddyddiau ag y gallian nhw ar y Maes, yn mwynhau'r gorau sydd gan Gymru i'w chynnig.

"Mae'r tocynd wyth- nos yn cynnig arbediad go iawn i unrhyw un sy'n ymweld i'r Eisteddfod am yr wyth- nos. Mae oedolyn yn arbed 34% ar bris tocyndau unigol ar gyfer yr wythnos gyfan - arbe- diad o £46 - sydd yn sicr o wneud gwahani- aeth wrth ystyried dod i'r Maes bob dydd.

"Dim ond un o'r cynigion sydd ar gael yw'r tocynd wythnos, a byddwn yn cyhoeddi manylion cynnig arben- nig arall ddechrau Chwefror, pan y byddwn yn dathlu mai chwe mis yn unig fydd i fynd cyn dechrau Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Bro Morgannwg.

"Gobeithio y bydd pobl o bob cwr o Gymru a thu hwn i nod atom i'r Fro. I'r rheini ohonoch sydd yn garafamwyr, mae ffur- ffenni cais y maes carafamwyr swyddogol ar gael arlein ac yn y broses o gael eu hanfon allan at bawb ar ein bas data. Mae Bro Morgannwg yn un o

ardaloedd hyfrytaf Cymru, ac fe fydd croeso cynnes yn eich disgwyl yn Llandw a gweddill y sir ddechrau Awst."

Mae tocyndau wyth- nos yr Eisteddfod yn mynd ar werth ar wefan yr Eisteddfod - www.eisteddfod.org.uk - ar ddydd Sadwrn 4 Chwefror. Mae'r tocynd yn cynnig arbediad o 34% i oedolyn gyda'r pris am wythnos yn £90 yn hytrach na £136 am wyth o docynnau dydd unigol. Ceir manylion y prisiau i gyd ar wefan Eisteddfod 2012.

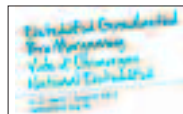
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Galwn ar bawb sydd â'u bryd ar fod yn ddi- tectif, ac unrhywun sy'n mwynhau bywyd blasus a hwy! Mae Hywela Edwards, gwraig weddwy gyda chynllun sylweddol wedi cael ei lofruddio yn yr Eisteddfod yn Llanilltud (lofruddiaeth dychymycol mewn Eisteddfod dychymy- gol!), a chynhelir noson arbennig i geisio dod o hyd i'r lofrudd.

Ymhlith y rhai dan amheuaeth mae'r Archdrwydd, ei wraig ac aelod blaenllaw o Merched y Wawr Annie Thomas, y gyfneithwraig lleol Heulwen Dda (perthynas i Hywel Dda o bell), Mary Hopkins sydd wedi bod yn cael peth trafgerion arian- nwl yn ddiweddar a'r Parchedig Alfred Roberts sydd o hyd yn geisio codi arian i drwsio tŷ i'r Eglwys ac sy'n mwynhau gwneud teisen- nau bach! Mae gan bob un ohonyn nhw reswm dros lofruddio Hywela ond mae'n rhaid i chi wneud archwiliad manwl i ddatgelu'r troseddwr!

Cynhelir y noson lofruddiaeth ddîrgel i godi arian i'r Eisteddfod Genedlaethol (a cynhelir yn Llandw ym mis Awst 2012) yn nhy' bwyta lltud 216, Llanilltud Fawr ar Chwefror 9fed (6.30yh i gychwyn am 7yh). Mae tocyndau yn £25 yr un ac yn cymwys pryd 3 chwrs blasus. Disgylbion o Ysgol Llanilltud Fawr fydd yn chwarae rhannau'r cymeriadau dan arwein- iad Natalie Richards. Mae nifer cyfyngedig o docynnau jely archeb- wech cyn gynted ag sy'n bosibl drwy gysylltu â Ros Lewis - 01446 793530 neu Gwennol Haf - gwenmol@eisteddfod.org.uk / 0845 4090 300.

200 DAYS TO GO - EISTEDDFOD ANNOUNCES DETAILS OF WEEK-LONG TICKETS



WITH only 200 days to go before the Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod begins at the old airfield, Llandw, the Eisteddfod has announced details of its week-long ticket for visitors to this year's festival in the Vale.

Eisteddfod Chief Executive, Elfed Roberts, says, "Like every other festival and large-scale event, we are very dependent on the support of our visitors, and we want to make it easier for our regular visitors to support us by offering special deals to encourage people to spend more time on the Maes.

"The week-long ticket isn't a new initiative, but after speaking to a large number of Eisteddfodwyr last year in Wrexham and since then, it became obvious that people weren't aware of the substantial savings for those wishing to visit the Maes most days.

"In 200 days time, we very much hope that people will flock to Llandw from all corners of Wales and beyond to enjoy the Eisteddfod. There'll be hundreds of activities taking place all over the Maes, and we want to make sure that as many people as possible spend as much time as they can on the Maes, enjoying the best Wales has to offer.

"The week-long ticket offers a real saving for anyone attending the Eisteddfod throughout the week. An adult will save 34% on the price of eight daily tickets - a real saving of £46 - which will make a real difference for people considering whether to come to the Maes every day.

"This is only one of the offers available this year, and we'll be announcing details of a brand new offer at the beginning of February when we celebrate six months to go before the start of the Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod.

"I hope that people will join us in the Vale, and for the caravanners amongst us, the registration forms for the official caravan site are available online and are in the process of being sent out to everyone on our database. The Vale of Glamorgan is one of

the most beautiful parts of Wales, and there'll be a warm welcome awaiting you in Llandw and the rest of the county at the beginning of August."

Week-long Eisteddfod tickets go on sale online - www.eisteddfod.org.uk - on Saturday 4 February. The ticket offers a saving of 34% for an adult, costing £90 rather than £136 for eight individual daily tickets. Price details available online on the 2012 Eisteddfod website.

The Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod is held from 4-11 August this year.

MURDER AT THE EISTEDDFOD!

Calling all budding detectives, and anyone who enjoys delicious food and fun! Hywela Edwards, a widow with substantial savings has been murdered at the Eisteddfod in Llantwit (an imaginary murder in an imaginary Eisteddfod!) and we're holding an evening to help find the culprit!

The suspects include the Archdrwydd (Archdruid, who is the head of 'Gorsedd of Beirdd' (Association of Bards), and his wife Annie Thomas, a prominent local member of Merched y Wawr.

Also under suspicion are the local solicitor Heulwen Dda (a distant relative of Hywel Dda, a Welsh king who established the Law of Hywel in the 9th century), Mary Hopkins who has been having some recent financial difficulties and the Reverend Alfred Roberts, who is constantly trying to fundraise to repair the church roof and enjoys baking fairy cakes!

They all have their own motive for murdering Hywela, but you must investigate to uncover the culprit!

This murder mystery evening will be held to raise funds for the National Eisteddfod (in August in Llandw) at lltud's 216, Llanilltud Major on February 9th (6.30pm for 7pm start). Tickets are £25 each and includes a delicious 3 course meal.

Pupils from Llantwit Major School will be playing the part of the suspects under the guidance of Natalie Richards.

Tickets are limited; to book, please contact Ros Lewis - 01446 793530, or Gwennol Haf - gwenmol@eisteddfod.org.uk / 0845 4090 300.

War Horse shows fine pedigree...but is ever so slightly too saccharine!

FOR all his behind the scenes work, producing the likes of TV series Terra Nova and Falling Skies, the Steven Spielberg we know and love is the man behind the camera.

Having only just come off the release of his take on Tintin last October, the 'Berg is on slightly more award-friendly ground with his adaptation of War Horse.

The film tells the story of Joey, a horse belonging to Albert (Jeremy Irvine) who is sold to the cavalry and shipped to France during World War I. As Joey fights his way through the war, Albert never gives up on his trusty steed and sets out to find him and get him back.

Spielberg has always seemed to have something of an infatuation with war, either directly (1941, Saving Private Ryan) or indirectly (Schindler's List, the Indiana Jones films). So given a story that is arguably purely Spielberg of a young man desperate to be reconnected to his beloved horse, set against a backdrop of World War I, the director is on surer footing than he was with his last directorial outing.

So it's hardly surprising that one of the masters of cinema has conjured up such an endearing and tender story packed full of the elements that you would expect from his work; but similarly War Horse, at times, threatens to

drown itself in its own syrupy emotion, resulting in a film that is grandiose and epic, yet occasionally veers a touch too close to be too saccharine for its own good.

From the opening shots of the sprawling English countryside, you know that this isn't a film that will scrimp on visuals, and that is the case. Whether it is the romance of picturesque England, or the horrors of the trenches and the battlefields of war, Spielberg creates a gorgeous visual feast to enjoy that is packed full of scenes which bear the influence of the likes of David Lean.

There is little faulting the direction, nobody is better at shifting the emotional gears than Spielberg, with the romance of the story punctured by the brutality of war.

While the success of the stage play has no doubt led to the film being made, the source novel from Michael Morpurgo is where the story comes from.

Scriptwriters Lee Hall and Richard Curtis do a sterling job of taking the episodic nature of the tale and adding pace to it. But as good a job as they do with this, the script does stumble a little.

The dialogue at times feels a little too forced and staccato, while several moments seem good intentions undone by emotional overkill (something Spielberg, too, is guilty of on more than one occasion).

That being said, there

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by **GARETH JAMIESON**

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are small moments of beauty that are wonderfully realised by the screenwriters. The meeting of two opposing soldiers on no man's land with the sole aim of helping Joey and the tale of a grandfather and his grand-daughter, are just two examples of how, with a little less sugar and a bit more grit, the film could have eschewed its overly emotional tone.

The fragmented narrative also doesn't really lend itself to any jaw-dropping performances, though the central pairing of Jeremy Irvine as Albert and (yes, I really am saying this) the horse who portray Joey, are exceptional. Irvine, a relative newcomer, anchors the film with a wide-eyed enthusiasm

and lively performance. His journey is as important as the one Joey undergoes, while the horses exhibit absolutely superb behaviour.

While the remainder of the cast are all relatively big names, and as you would expect offer strong turns, the stand-outs are Niels Arestrup as the aforementioned grandfather, Tom Hiddleston as an army captain, and Toby Kebbell, who as one of the soldiers in the no man's land scene, brings a degree of brevity to affairs.

Those of a cynical disposition won't find much to savour here, the film requiring you to buy into the bonding power of a horse.

However, if you do then you will find plenty to enjoy - even if your teeth will need a clean afterwards, based on the amount of syrup you will be consuming through its 146-minute running time.

While this War Horse is a fine pedigree, it's also tremendously sugary!

VERDICT - A solid adaptation lived by epic direction from Steven Spielberg and some strong turns, War Horse is very good but not great. While it plays on the emotion, it doesn't quite deliver the pay-back you would hope for, though you would need a heart as empty as a quarry to not feel something like the end credits! Enjoyable.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: Saving Private Ryan (1998)

STUDENTS' AWARDS AT PRIZEGIVING CEREMONY



Kieran Davies, Jacob Ellis, Rhodri Morgan and Ioan Williams.

A PRIZEGIVING ceremony was held recently in the school hall at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg.

The Rt Hon Rhodri Morgan was invited as guest speaker and to distribute GCSE and A Level certificates.

He also awarded Ioan Williams and Kieran Davies with the Mrs Janet Davies Memorial Award for excellence in design and technology, and Jacob Ellis with the Fflur Bedwyr Award for exceptional contribution and attitude towards Welsh culture and ethos.



Ioan Williams, Gareth Wilkins (head of design and technology) and Kieran Davies.

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Out and About with The GEM

Vale AM's surgery

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, is holding a surgery tomorrow (Friday, January 20) at Murchfield Community Centre, Dinas Powys, from 4pm to 6pm. No appointment necessary.

Care and repair

CARE and Repair in the Vale, which helps older people with repairs and maintenance in their home, will be in Cowbridge Library on Friday (January 20) between 10am-2pm.

Treharne residents

TREHARNE residents group in Barry will meet at 6pm on Monday, January 23 at Ty Iolo to discuss housing matters, fly

tipping in the communal areas of the flats and an update from the police on the recent allotment incident.

For further information, contact tenant officer Heather Powney on 01446 709895, or email her at HPowney@vale-of-glamorgan.gov.uk

Messy Church

ON January 23, at 3.30pm-5pm, there will be the regular monthly Messy Church at Crossway Methodist Church, Court Road, Barry. Children from nursery to year-6 (with parent/carer) are welcome.

On Monday, January 30 from 3:45pm-5:15pm, Messy Church takes place at Saint David's Methodist Church, Winston Road, Colcot. Children from reception class to year-6 (with parent/carer) welcome.

come. For information about churches visit www.valeofglamorgan-circuit.org.uk or contact Rev Pete Taylor or Deacon Samantha Taylor. Contact 01446 406262 or deacon-sam@live.co.uk.

Mayor's coffee

THE Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan's charity coffee morning is being held at the Corporate Suite, Civic Office, Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, January 24 at 10:30am to 12 noon. All proceeds will go to the Amelia Trust Farm.

St Dwynwen celebration

CELEBRATE St Dwynwen's Day at the Green Dragon Inn, Llandcardle on Wednesday, January 25 at 7pm. £30 for a three-course meal and coffee/tea. Tickets

from Rhoswen Deiniol on 01446 405984.

Oils demo

COWBRIDGE Art Society will meet at the Cowbridge Community Centre at 7pm on Thursday, January 26 for a demonstration in oils by local artist and VOGA member David Fairhurst (see www.siluresgallery.co.uk). Visitors welcome.

For further details of the society, see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com.

Poems and songs

ENJOY poems and songs in the company of Olwen Rees, Johnny Tudor and friends on Friday, January 27 at 8pm in Llandaf Institute. Tickets £12 from Roy Thomas - 02920 594320 (bi-lingual event).

The three above events are being held to support the Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod 2012.

Come listen to the band!

YNYSAWDRE Village Hall is hosting an evening with the Mid Glamorgan Accordian Band on Friday, January 27 at 7pm.

Tickets will cost £3 to include refreshments. Everybody welcome.

The hall will hold its

AGM on Thursday, February 23 at 6pm.

Eisteddfod Fundraising

THERE will be a quiz at St Francis Millenium Hall, Park Road, Barry, on Saturday, February 4 at 7pm.

Tickets £6 include light refreshment.

Bi-lingual event. Call Heulwen Cooper - 01446 733784.

Light celebration

ART4U is holding its annual celebration of *The Coming of The Light*, a walking contemplation, to which everyone is welcome at the Knap Gardens, Barry on February 5 at 4pm. Entry free, donations appreciated.

Local roadworks

TEMPORARY traffic control: Broad Street Barry. Port Road East between the junctions of Meggitt Road and Merthyr Dyfan Road, Barry. Llantwit Major Road, Cowbridge to Nash Manor and Pentre Meyrick to Llantwit Major.

Road closure: Trehedyn Lane, Pendoylan.

Railway book is a labour of love

Railways of South Wales by Adrian Kenny, published by Ian Allan. Review/Mike Wilcock.

HAVING taken almost three years to complete, this 128-page volume of full colour images of railways in south Wales is another book to add to your collection, if you're interested in this fascinating subject.

Being a personal friend of mine, I know Adrian has travelled many miles, and climbed many hills and mountains to take that special image. Unless there's full sun on his subject, he would rather return to his home in Cardiff than take a sub-standard shot.

Locally Adrian has featured passenger rail-tours at Tondu in the Ogmore Vale, special weed killer trains employed to clear leaves off the line near Barry Docks station, freight trains in Barry Docks and at Barry station the Structure Gauging train.

In 2008, he was able to take some nighttime shots of the first train to depart from Lafarge's Aberthaw Cement Works. Having resumed revenue earning services for the first time in 15 years, the picture shows the Canadian-built class



A First Great Western service running through Aberthaw on St David's Day 2009. In the background is Aberthaw signal box and to the left, the reception sidings for Aberthaw Power Station.

66 diesel awaiting departure to Uskmouth.

Every page has detailed information regarding the location, date, type of train and locomotive class.

It's the kind of book that will be looked at on regular occasions and

not just left on the shelves long after buying. Enjoy the railscene in South Wales and go out and take some shots yourself. Like Adrian you'll enjoy long walks and appreciate the photogenic countryside in our area. MHW

Help vulnerable elderly appeal

AGE Concern is making an urgent appeal to the public for much-needed funds - to help local older people in crisis.

Jeff Hawkins, CEO for Age Concern Cardiff and the Vale stressed: "We desperately need additional funds so that we can reach out and help many more older people in dire need of some everyday things that will protect and promote their independence. "Regrettably it is isolated and lonely older

people who are least likely to ask for help. The practical low cost support funded by the Crisis Concern appeal can dramatically improve an older person's life."

Age Concern is asking the public to make donations, organise fundraising events at work or in their local communities, and for local businesses to show their support. Visit www.age-concern-cardiff.org.uk or contact Age Concern Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan on telephone 02920 527186.

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The 13 lifeboat stations will benefit from the fundraising drive, which includes the charity's SOS day on January 27.

The 14 RNLI lifeboat stations from Flint to Aberdyfi will be asked to raise a target sum of £85,000, whilst the stations from Borth to Penarth hope to raise around £100,000. Individual stations have been given a fundraising target, depending on the number of lifejackets that are likely to be needed.

Philip Missen MBE, lifeboat operations manager at Porthcawl said: "This is a golden opportunity for people to support their local lifeboat volunteers as they raise the money for vital life-saving equipment."

"I hope our community will get behind the campaign and support the many events that will be happening"

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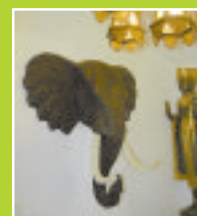
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The restaurant gave foodies a sneak preview at the Cowbridge Food Festival, offering samples to passers by, and made quite a hit on the day.

Last week, the restaurant opened with no fuss, and the owner, Aum Rotjarin Scott, told The GEM: "People just came in off the street, and we were soon packed!"

In fact, the staff are hard at work making an upstairs room available – and this will be fitted out in the same style as downstairs.

And that style is bound to cause a few intakes of breath, because the restaurant has been fitted out so that hand-crafted Thai statues and wood carvings are everywhere.

As you walk in the door, you are faced with a wall carving that, says Aum, took one Thai craftsman a year to make.

The restaurant tables are glass-topped, so that diners can look down at the elaborate wood carvings that are feature of each one.

There are golden buddhas and even the chairs in the waiting area are hand-crafted, lacquered and modelled on ceremonial elephant seats.

It was two years ago that Aum loaded a 40-foot container in her home village near Chang Mai in northern Thailand and brought over the fixtures and fittings that made the Swansea restaurant a hit.

That formula has now been repeated, and the contents of a similar container now adorn the Thai Elephant in Cowbridge.

Of course, the decor is only part of great dining experience, and Aum's business partner, Chris Lloyd, said: "The quality of food will always be the key factor, and our success in Swansea makes us confident that people in Cowbridge will like what we have to offer.

"Thai cooking covers a wide range of styles, from quite spicy and piquant curries, to Thai specialities that offer a real aromatic experience.

"Also, almost every item on the menu can be done in a vegetarian style – apart from the considerable numbers of vegetarian dishes that are fixtures on the menu."

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NEWS FROM 372 (BARRY) SQUADRON – AIR TRAINING CORPS

Sergeant Megan has gold in her sights!



ABOVE:

Megan tackles the confidence building course.

RECENTLY, Cadet Flight Sergeant Megan Hamblin of 372 (Barry) Squadron travelled to Altcar Army camp on Merseyside, to attend a week of training to become a Duke of Edinburgh leader and also to complete the residential section of her gold Duke of Edinburgh award (DofE).

The residential involved Megan spending a minimum of five days and four nights away from home.

Megan had the chance to meet and learn to work with 30 other Air Cadets from around the United Kingdom whom she had never met before, from different backgrounds.

During the week, she under-

took team building exercises, confidence courses and sports sessions, learning how to become a Duke of Edinburgh leader, and also how to plan and organise a training programme for cadets.

At the end of the camp, there was a formal dinner attended by all the cadets and course instructors. This was a wonderful occasion before the main award ceremony the following morning where all the cadets received their Duke of Edinburgh leaders' certificates and their Introduction to line management certificates.

With her gold residential under her belt, as well as her gold expedition, Megan is well on her way to completing her gold Duke of Edinburgh's award by the summer.

Megan said: "I really enjoyed the course and learning how to

plan and organise DofE on 372 Squadron. I now intend to help and encourage the cadets to participate in DofE and gain their bronze, silver and gold awards."

The Air Cadets also undertake many other exciting activities throughout the year including flying, gliding, adventure training, shooting, sport, project work, expeditions and visits to RAF Stations around the United Kingdom.

If you have a spirit for adventure, 372 (Barry) Squadron have vacancies for boys and girls between 13-18 years old. The squadron parade on Mondays and Wednesdays, 7pm-9:30pm, behind Adams Funeral Parlour (by the Memorial Hall); phone 01446 747734 or email 372@air-cadets.org.



Megan at the dining in night.

NEWS FROM THE PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Pleasant weather marks hike around Castell Dinas

RECENTLY, weather forecasters predicted winds of between 40 to 50 mph on the mountain ranges, but twelve eager ramblers, including four from the Cardiff group, turned out to meet leader Robin and his cocker spaniel Pepper to enjoy a day out in the Black Mountains with the winds thankfully absent.

On the first dry and decent day for the past three weeks, the group made their way to the Castle Inn at Pengenfordd. Located 1,000 feet above sea level the inn is named after Castell Dinas, which overlooks the village.

In all, the group would be climbing 2,200 feet and making their way to the highest peak in the Black Mountains. Leaving the pub, the group headed off through rather slippery mud and more than one person slithered and

skidded, but they made their ascent in safety and after about half an hour reached the top of Castell Dinas.

This is a hill fort and castle standing at 450 metres (1476ft) and was built to defend the Rhiangoll pass between Talgarth and Crickhowell. The site was originally an Iron Age fort and later a fortified Norman castle with stone walls was built there, possibly by William Fitz Osbern or his son Roger de Breteuil, and in 1207 was given to Peter Fitz

Herbert by King John. After a rather turbulent history the castle was destroyed by followers of Owain Glyndwr during the 15th century.

Leaving the castle, the group continued their gradual climb, on the long ridge known as the 'dragon's back' across Bwlch Bach and Y Grib. By now the sunshine meant there were fantastic views in all directions and the local gliding club were out taking advantage of the good weather.

Reaching the main ridge, the group turned east and walked on to Waun Fach which stands at 811 metres (2661ft).

Considering it is the highest peak in the Black Mountains, is something of a let down. The summit is composed of peat, which always seems to be boggy, and finding

somewhere out of the freshening wind the group stopped for a quick lunch.

Refreshed, they began their descent along the southwest ridge over Pen Trumau before joining a steep path down Rhiw Trumau. A very boggy bridleway followed which led them back down to the valley and the Castle Inn and Robin conveys his thanks to William, who carried out a sterling job acting as his back-marker after what turned out to be a brilliant mountain walk.

On January 21, meet at 9:30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a seven-mile easy/moderate walk in the Golden Valley above Ystradfellte, contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

JOY STRANGWARD.

Ty Hafan winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D705.

● £2,000: 479806.
● The rollover, which now stands at £2,000, was not won this week.

● £10: 397126, 964070, 292818, 518897, 883821, 858492, 338803, 193728, 456273, 684953, 469497, 790169, 344285, 661807, 605854, 591875, 159348, 468436, 469147, 455509.

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Vale MP backing MIND support group for war veterans

ALUN Cairns MP met the MIND in the Vale Veterans Support Group at their regular monthly meeting in Barry.

MIND, together with the Royal British Legion has created the Veterans Support Group to help veterans suffering from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and other psychological illnesses due to their military service.

MIND and the Royal British Legion work in partnership with community mental health teams and other voluntary organisations. They offer help, advice and signposting to relevant agencies across a range of issues from benefits to housing problems and social interaction.

The Vale MP was keen to find out more about the services that they were now providing for ex-service personnel, particularly with PTSD being a growing area of concern across the UK.

Mr Cairns said: "When I heard that MIND and the RBL had created a Veterans Support Group I wanted to find out more and was delighted to be invited to join the group at one of their regular meetings.

"Many with mental health problems aren't always understood and this can lead to much greater problems with benefit assessment and the money, time and stress involved with appeal cases at a later stage. To be able to have a service available for Forces personnel in the Vale is really valuable and a great achievement for MIND to extend their provision for service men and women."

PTSD is a serious illness that can affect many people, though the service personnel themselves are often the



ABOVE: Chris Mayhew, Alun Cairns MP, and Andrew Charles.

last to recognise the symptoms. It is often up to the armed forces community – immediate family members and dependents of those who have served – to recognise the issue and seek help.

Mr Cairns added: "Not all war wounds are visible. MIND provide an excellent service and this has now been extended to include service personnel. PTSD is a particularly traumatic illness and I'm pleased that the group can provide support for those suffering from this mental illness.

"The MIND Veterans Support Group with the Royal British Legion is an excellent example of ex-service personnel working together with other organisations within an area to provide mutual support and help for those in their community."

The Veterans Support Group meets on the first Thursday of every month at 6pm at the Tynwydd Centre in Barry. If you'd like further information you can telephone 01446 746191 or visit www.mindinthevale.org.uk.

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Politicians call for action over threat jobs at Peacocks

POLITICIANS from all parties are demanding action to help the Cardiff-based clothing group, Peacocks, which is likely to go into administration.

Appeals have gone out to the Welsh Government and Westminster, after the RBS bank declined to continue talks on restructuring Peacock's debt – a debt the company has carried since a management buyout in 2006.

The firm has said it has filed a notice of intention to appoint administrators. That gives it a 10-day moratorium from creditors as it seeks to broker deals to sell off its Bon Marche chain and secure new investment for its Peacocks business.

Peacocks employs around 1,000 people in south Wales – not counting staff in its stores in the Vale and Bridgend county boroughs.

Andrew RT Davies, the Leader of the Conservatives in the Welsh Assembly, tabled an emergency question for the Minister for Business & Enterprise.

He said: "This is very

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

worrying news and comes after an incredibly difficult trading period for many high street retailers. The vast majority of these jobs are in the south Wales central region that I represent."

Welsh Labour MPs have written to the UK Government Business Secretary, Vince Cable, expressing concern that the company, which made an operating profit last year of £27 million, may be forced into administration – as a result of a syndicate of banks, led by the state-owned RBS, refusing to provide further working capital.

The letter asks if the Business Secretary is satisfied that the decision taken by RBS is in the wider interest of the Exchequer and taxpayers.

Lib-Dem AM Eluned Parrott, who is the shadow business minister in the Assembly, said: "Peacocks is a profitable company, a strong brand and a valued member of the high street."

"It is my belief that the speedy and effective re-structuring of its debt

will enable this company to continue to trade, and to continue to employ around 1,000 staff across my region.

"I have also written to Mr Cable reiterating the point that as the public are majority shareholders in the Royal Bank of Scotland, we need the bank to be socially responsible, as well as financially responsible."

Expressing concern for the future of the Peacocks and Bon Marche stores in Holton Road, Barry, Plaid Cymru's Vale of Glamorgan spokesperson, Dr Ian Johnson said:

"Hopefully, Peacocks will be able to find the money in the next week or so to keep the business afloat.

"If that fails, then we can only hope the administrator will be able to sell the company on to another firm that wants to keep both shops open."

"Like most people, I am frustrated by the idea that we, as taxpayers, poured billions into keeping the banks afloat."

"We didn't do that so that they could close down large household names who employ thousands of people who are taxpayers themselves."

"Woolworths was let down in almost exactly the same way."

Skaters' awards

THE Glamorgan Artistic Roller Skating Club is celebrating the success of four of its members who gained medals at Llantwit Major Leisure Centre, skating in front of two judges from the Federation of Artistic Roller Skating.

Katie Vaughan gained her elementary in dance, while Donna Daly, Anne-Marie Escott and Amy Goodwin gained their inter-silver medal in dance.

This is quite an achievement as the club has only been running for a year.

Come and join us, and learn how to dance on skates. We meet at the Colcot Sports Centre on Thursdays, 7pm-9pm and at Llantwit Leisure Centre on Saturdays, 3-5pm. Each session is £3, with an annual membership fee of £3.

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PLAID POLITICIAN WARNS: 'Welsh voices will struggle to be heard in Westminster'

THE Plaid Cymru spokesman for the Vale has pointed out that proposals to reduce the number of MPs in Wales will mean "Welsh voices will struggle to be heard" in Westminster.

Dr Ian Johnson, who fought as a candidate in the general election in 2010, also insisted that local pockets of rural deprivation, and areas of poverty in Barry, were likely to continue – because they were classed as part of the affluent Vale of Glamorgan constituency.

He explained: "While the number of MPs in Parliament is being cut by 8 per cent from 650 to 600, Welsh MPs are being cut by 25 per cent from 40 to 30.

"This is a far bigger cut than any other country in the UK and means that Welsh voices will

struggle to be heard".

Dr Johnson said he welcomed the notion of Sully returning to the Vale constituency which maintained a mix of both urban and rural areas.

However, he warned there would continue to be problems in addressing deprivation while statistics were analysed at constituency level.

"Although I would like Barry to be a separate constituency on its own, the rules introduced by the Westminster government meant that the town's population is not enough to justify that.

"The problem with the Vale constituency as it stands is that some of the wealth of the rural Vale – where that exists – masks the effects of poverty in some parts of Barry, and, indeed, poverty in other parts of the Vale.

"This means that constituency wide statistics do not show the true picture of the area's econom-

ic status in the same way that more localised data will do."

He explained: "One of the problems of a constituency which is as mixed as the Vale is that constituency level data doesn't always illuminate current trends.

"For example, unemployment statistics, such as those recently published don't show up hotspots.

"Under the previous Welsh Government, when Plaid Cymru were in power, Barry was nominated as a regeneration area precisely because the town differs from the rural hinterland in the Vale.

"In fact, some might argue that if it wasn't for the rural Vale then Barry would have been included in the area of Wales which receives European funding."

FOOTNOTE: What do GEM readers think? Email: gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk, or write to the address given on page 2.

Local firms are in the running for top awards

FOUR local firms and a Bridgend entrepreneur are all in the running to win this year's prestigious South Wales Chamber of Commerce Awards, run in association with the University of Glamorgan Business School.

Clinical trial company, Biotech Services International, based in Bridgend Industrial Estate, is up for the international company of the year award; while Staedler (UK) Ltd, based in Pencoed, has been shortlisted for the excellence in marketing award.

Just Perfect Catering Ltd is battling it out to win most promising growth business, while Donna Turner-Kot of nergy consortium, which delivers vocational programmes to offenders in custodial establishments and helps to secure them jobs on their release, has been shortlisted for entrepreneur of the year.

Also in line for an award is Professional Driver Services (most promising growth business).

All of them will find out whether they are winners at a glittering award ceremony in the City Hall, Cardiff on February 1, hosted by broadcaster Mai Davies.

The awards celebrate business excellence through the successes and achievements of its accredited Chambers of Commerce and their members.

Graham Morgan, director of the South Wales Chamber of Commerce, said: "The

economy remains extremely challenging with trading conditions being as tough as ever, and unemployment being at its highest since comparable records began.

"In spite of all this, businesses in Wales have continued to thrive, and the awards seek to recognise these outstanding achievements, highlighting them as shining examples of inspiration to others and illustrating that successes can still be made in these difficult times.

Winners could go through to the British Chamber of Commerce Awards in November, with the chance to scoop the winning prize fund of £50,000.

Charity concert

THE annual charity concert, organised by the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Andy Banks, will take place on January 28 in Cowbridge Comprehensive School's new theatre.

The concert features Cowbridge Male Voice Choir and also three prize-winning young musicians from Cardiff and the Vale.

Tickets are available from Arthur John and Cowbridge Town Hall.

The charities that will benefit are Wales Air Ambulance and Marie Curie Cancer Care.



COMMUNITY NEWS

LLANBETHERY & LLANCARFAN
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Sam & Patsie Smith on (01446) 751448

WE'RE BACK!

IT has been some months since we last penned a column, as we were fortunate to spend November and December in Australia and New Zealand, culminating with Christmas in Perth with our son Simon and his family (35°C on Christmas Day and a swim in the Indian Ocean!)

A great deal has happened in Llancafnan during our absence, not least the excellent news that we have won the Phase 2 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the further work required at Saint Cadoc's to restore the wall paintings, the Reredos and to build a new vestry.

A number of people have commented that even after our return, no Llancafnan and Llanbetherly news has been forthcoming.

Well, unless people pass me details of interesting events or other occurrences, then I cannot report – so please let me have any news and I shall make sure that the column is written.

Finally, what a small world! On our flight back from Australia and Singapore the cabin services manager on Qantas was Craig Wharton from Llanblethian – and on the aircraft with us were Keith and Kay Hancock, formerly of the Wild Goose, Llanbetherly!

NEWS IN BRIEF

Green drinks

GREEN drinks are being served at the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge on Tuesday, January 24 from 7.30pm.

This is an open and informal monthly get-together to chat and share information on how to live in a more

sustainable way in our community.

Key discussions will focus on local currency, skill sharing and time banking. All are welcome.

Contact: 07712 196150 or transitioncowbridge@googlemail.com.

Gardening Club

THE next meeting of the Cowbridge Gardening Club will be on Thursday, January 26, at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall.

The speaker will be Gaynor Witchard, who will talk on 'Behind the scenes at the RHS Show'.

NEWS FROM BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

Students revel in the Urdd camp by the sea!



The group on the coastal path

LAST term, a group of Barry Comprehensive School pupils travelled to the Welsh Urdd camp at Llangrannog in west Wales, for a week of fun and challenging activities.

After the long journey by bus, the boys were welcomed to the camp with a barbecue chicken lunch, before dropping their belongings at their rooms and heading off to the beach.

The views from the coastal path were amazing and the boys explored the caves and even braved the very cold waves for a paddle.

Everyone warmed up with a game of football followed by supper and an evening of folk dancing.

The rest of the week was just as eventful with activities including orienteering, the climbing wall, trampolines, go-carts, toboggans, swimming, quad bikes, archery, dry-slope skiing and a high-ropes course.

Other highlights included building a shelter in the woods in the pouring rain and meeting Dewi Pws Morris, the Welsh Children's Poet for 2011 and singer.

It was with sad faces that everyone packed their bags on the Friday and headed home with fond memories of Llangrannog, the Welsh camp by the sea.

Mrs Jones, head of Welsh, said she was very impressed with the boys: "Their standard of conduct through the week and their willingness to participate in all the activities made them excellent ambassadors for Barry Comprehensive School".

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Building a shelter in the woods in the pouring rain.



Pupils join BBC radio panel



Andrea Davies (Careers Wales), Mark Freeman (chief executive Careers Wales Cardiff and Vale), Steven Rees (ICT and business teacher), Alun Prichard (Careers Wales), Robert Green (assistant headteacher), Anwen Phillips (education business adviser, Careers Wales), Coun Tony Hampton.

LISTENERS may have heard pupils from Barry Comprehensive School being interviewed on BBC Radio Wales at the end of last term.

The BBC chose the school to get a young person's perspective on what it means to be Welsh.

Nationality themes are covered in many subjects at school, including a Welsh Baccalaureate module entitled Wales, Europe and the World.

The boys provided a range of opinions and raised some interesting questions about internationalism, identity and stereotypes.

QUALITY MARK SUCCESS FOR SCHOOL

BARRY Comprehensive School has been awarded the 'Careers Wales Mark' in recognition of the high standard of the school's provision in the areas of careers and the world of work.

The whole school initiative was led by Sarah Bagshaw (deputy head) and Steven Rees (ICT and business teacher) and supported by Alan Thomas (work experience administrator).

To qualify for the award, the school was evaluated against the

Careers Wales World of Work framework and the Estyn Inspection framework.

A careers action plan was created, implemented and reviewed, which provided evidence for an external verifier to check that progress of continuing improvement is in place, while ensuring that there is a clear commitment to improve student learning.

Barry Comprehensive School can now display the Careers Wales Mark on its letterhead and website for three years.



The Business Centre celebrates its fifth anniversary today!

The Business Centre – where we take care of you while you take care of your business

ONE of the Vale's great business success stories in recent years celebrates its fifth anniversary today.

On January 19, 2007, The Business Centre was opened in Barry by the local AM, Jane Hutt, bringing an exciting new business innovation to the area.

James Mason, the Centre Manager, explained: "The Business Centre provides flexible serviced office space with a host of services, which include the shared office suite, virtual office facilities, conference and meeting room hire and IT Training Suite.

"All these excellent facilities are supported by a free in-house gym, free car parking and an on-site cafe, The Coffee Zone.

"The Business Centre also provides extensive business support facilities, such as secretarial services and all the latest technology with IT and telecoms infrastructure helping you concentrate on what's really important, your business."

It means The Business Centre can provide a flexible service, tailored across the whole spectrum, helping new start-up businesses, freelancers or single operators, medium sized businesses and national companies. But the centre

offers even more, its own 'break-out' areas, where people can have a quiet chat on sofas outside the office suites, and a designated outdoor area to relax on sunny days.

The Business Centre is part of the family-run Masons Moving Group Ltd, founded in the Vale in 1905 – with a family inspiration behind it.

James explained that once companies understood the concept of flexible, serviced office space at The Business Centre, they could see the many advantages it has over running their own premises.

He pointed out: "With companies looking for flexibility in the current climate, lease agreements can bear higher risks, where businesses might have to commit to 10 or 15 year leases – let alone having to set up and fund all the facilities, equipment and support services that are required to make up an office suite.

"Here at The Business Centre, our commitment to you is to provide your business with a fully serviced office suite, ready for your arrival – with no hassle, no capital outlay and next to no downtime affecting that crucial part of running a business – time.

"The Business Centre can provide future clients with a fully-serviced opera-



ABOVE; The Business Centre team provides a huge range of office services and support for business people.



ABOVE:
The centre is located just off Cardiff Road, Barry.

tional office suite, equipped with IT and telecoms infrastructure within 24 hours of a viewing."

The variety of businesses housed on the site is impressive.

James said: "The companies who operate from The Business Centre vary, but are all looking for a cost-effective and efficient service for them to operate their businesses.

"The clientele at the centre varies with a majority of professions operating from serviced offices such as financial consultants, web designers, Curves – the ladies' gym, The Beauty Spot – Hair & Beauty Salon, We Buy Any Car, recruitment consultants, security

companies and many more. Over the years our occupancy has steadily increased, but with the economic downturn and the risk factor for all companies increasing, our flexible license agreements, short notice periods and our cost effective office space provides us and businesses a platform to build a strong business model."

The Business Centre is located just off Cardiff Road on the eastern outskirts of Barry.

It is the ideal location for companies who operate in the Vale or want easy access to Cardiff, but don't want staff enduring the hassle and inconveniences

of a daily commute and restricted, costly parking. For businesses who aim to start up at a difficult economic time, and want to fix costs, or for companies wanting to reduce operational overheads, The Business Centre offers that ideal solution.

Over the last five years, The Business Centre has become a vital part in the local economy.

To find out more information about the facilities that are available, please call James Mason on: 01446 739911 or 0800 634 9920.

The Business Centre's stated aim is: 'We Take Care Of You While You Take Care Of Your Business'.



ABOVE: Business people can take advantage of the centre's state-of-the-art gym.



ABOVE:
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Remembering WWII – when black US soldiers were stationed in the Vale

Further to recent correspondence in The GEM regarding the fate of two black American GIs, readers may be interested in further details of the case. In June 1944, The Western Mail carried the following story.

(GEM NOTE: At the time, the term 'coloured' was the accepted way to describe anyone who was black. It continued to be the accepted word until the 1970s, when the Black Power movement 'reclaimed' the word 'black'. Names have been removed from the report).

Two coloured Soldiers To Hang
Two coloured American soldiers, _____ and _____, were sentenced to death by hanging at an American military court in south Wales at nearly midnight on Wednesday for raping a 30-year-old woman from Barry living apart from her husband.

_____ collapsed when the sentence of the court was announced, but his companion was unmoved. The offence took place on June 2 in a field adjacent to Sully Hospital, where the woman had been a patient for eighteen months. She had been discharged some weeks before and on June 2 returned to the hospital for treatment. About 5 o'clock in the evening, she was taking a path across fields to the Sully bus stop when she was intercepted by the two men in a path overhung by bushes. She was threatened with violence before the offences were committed.

The men later had their sentences commuted to life imprisonment by General Dwight D Eisenhower.

However, another story which ran in the same month shows perhaps how the word of a white GI was held in more esteem.

A white American soldier, Technician 4th Grade _____, aged 23, was found not guilty at a court-martial held in South Wales on Monday on a charge of rape, the penalty for which under American military law is death or imprisonment for life. He was acquitted.

The complaint was laid against him by _____, of _____, Cardiganshire, a ward maid at Sully Hospital,

Dr Jonathan Hicks looks at the impact African-American troops had in the area.

Barry.

There was a court of nine American officers, with a colonel as president.

The woman described what happened on the beach at Sully.

At the close of the cross examination, the president said to the complainant: "We must have very definite evidence. This court has the power to pass the death sentence. If we seem to be hard with you, it is only so that we can be fair to both sides."

In reply to questions, the complainant said she bit the accused's hand and tried to scratch him. She had not seen him before that night.

Several witnesses were called, and the evidence of the accused was that the woman did not resist in any way. She agreed to meet him again the following night if she was not working.

After the court had consulted in private, the president announced that the accused was acquitted.

It is, however, important to balance regrettable incidents such as these against the outstanding wartime service

and sometimes extreme provocation that African-American soldiers were forced to endure, both from white American soldiers and the local populace during their stay in the United Kingdom.

Part of a letter from, as he termed himself, 'a coloured soldier', stationed in Belfast during 1943, made this heartfelt plea:

Regardless of where a man is born or regardless to his colour, every man has his right to enjoy life here on this earth. Just because I am a dark man doesn't mean I am not intelligent.

The anatomy of the white man is the same as the dark man. God created all men as brothers, and my belief is that since we are all here in Ireland, we should live as brothers and sisters and not as enemies. We hate to walk the streets of Belfast merely because we are insulted.

Tensions sometimes ran high between Barry residents and the American troops. In January 1944, the local press carried a story about a fight between white GIs and two local

men in the Witchell Hotel in Cadroxton which resulted in the two Americans being hit with broken bottles and beer glasses. Both men required stitches in their faces and heads.

Yet for the most part, the Americans, whatever colour their skin was, were welcomed into the local community. At a recent event at Pontypridd Memorial, where fellow historians and I staged an exhibition of wartime artefacts and memorabilia in support of the dedication of the new Pontypridd War Memorial, a visitor told me the following story.

During the Second World War black American troops were stationed in the Pontypridd district. His mother and father became friendly with several of them and invited them to their home for Sunday lunch. This became a regular occurrence.

One evening the father and one of the visitors decided to go to the local pub for a drink. On the way they were approached by a group of white GIs. The black GI stepped off the pavement into the road to allow the white soldiers to pass.

The father asked why he had done that and was told in no uncertain terms that that was what was expected in America. He replied with this: "All week long I work down the pit and at the end of a shift my face is the same colour as yours. While you are with me you'll never do that again."

Years after the War had ended, there was a knock on the door and the gentleman who told me this story answered it. The same American stood there with his wife and two children. He had come back to Wales to show his family the Welsh people who had been so kind to him during the War.

The African-American soldiers were stationed in two areas in the Vale – Penarth and Barry. As of December 31, 1943, there were just two units based in Barry, the 413 Engineer Dump Truck Company and the 95 Engineers.

But in the build up to D-Day, these number



ABOVE:
Black American troops in their camp.

swelled enormously and by June 30, 1944, there were no fewer than 11 units stationed in Barry (housed in tents on the seaward side of Hayes Road) and three in Penarth (housed in tents on the site of Evenlode Primary School – very marshy land).

It appears from anecdotal evidence that the local inhabitants were unsympathetic to the racist conduct of many white GIs and this was evident in the way the soldiers were received in the area.

The black soldiers would often travel to Cardiff to the Colonial Club and other clubs in Bute Street, where the multi-cultural nature of Cardiff Docks would have led to fewer issues for them.

By December 1944, they were gone, shipped to France to help supply the vast American forces moving into Germany.

One famous African-American who may have come to Barry during the War was the great boxer Joe Louis. In June 1944, Louis fought an exhibition bout in Newport.

The event took place at the Newport Athletic Club ground (Rodney Parade). The 'Brown Bomber' sparred with a Golden Gloves winner called Keen Simmons.

At the time, Louis was serving in the US Army and his role was to take part in morale-boosting exhibition fights and meet the troops.

Although he was a sporting superstar at the time, purses for his shows (including the Newport one) were handed straight over to the US government. (After the War had ended he found he was liable for the taxation on these purses!) Apparently Louis



ABOVE:
Tank crews check their machine guns.



ABOVE:
Joe Louis, the world heavyweight champion.

stayed at the G-40 American camp in Barry for one or two nights.

The black American troops made an enormous contribution to the war effort, not just supplying troops but in combat as well. They were a resource much underused by the American military.

Their record is a proud one and these men deserve to be remembered in the Vale for far more than just one unfortunate incident.

The 'Wartime Weekend' being held to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the American troops coming to the Vale of Glamorgan will take place over the weekend of June 16/17 on Barry Waterfront.

Further details can be found at www.barryatwar.info. Jonathan Hicks can be contacted on 07708 255295.

The GEM is delighted to announce its support for this fabulous event and readers can look forward to many articles and features on the presence of the American troops in the Vale in the period leading up to the living history weekend.

Vale ways walks

FRIDAY, January 20, at 1pm, 'Another Try!' Starting at the Fox and Hounds, St Brides Major, contact 07908 924576.

Stay and Play

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Light walk

ART4U is holding its annual celebration, The Coming Of The Light, a walking contemplation, to which everyone is welcome, at the Knap Gardens, under the shelter, Barry, on February 5 at 4pm. Admission free, donations appreciated. You are invited to bring a candle, and to wrap up warm!

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The Vale of Glamorgan Building Excellence Awards 2012

The Building Excellence Awards are organised by the Building Control Group at the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

The Building Control Surveyors from the Building Control Group have nominated builders who have achieved high quality building work in the following categories:

- EXTENSION/ALTERATION
- HOME CONVERSION/ NEW DWELLINGS
- SOCIAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- PUBLIC/COMMUNITY BUILDINGS
- COMMERCIAL PROJECTS

Criteria:

- Compliance with building regulations and energy efficiency
- Supplying and managing information (giving of notices and information relative to the work)
- Speed of fault rectification
- Site environment, safety and storage of materials (so as not to be detrimental to their use)
- Client/customer satisfaction



BUILDERS and developers who use the building regulation service of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, will be attending the 'Building Awards' dinner organised through the Building Control Group of the Council.

For the ninth year in succession, it will be held at the Best Western Mount Sorrel Hotel, Barry, on January 20.

The nominations for the awards are provided by the council's Building Control Surveyors, who are responsible for the supervision of the projects as they progress on site, through to the completion of building work.

Coun Jeffery James, Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation at the Vale of Glamorgan Council, stated:

"This is the ninth successive year of the 'Building Awards' and I have great pleasure in providing recognition to builders and developers who are determined to provide a high-quality customer-orientated service.

"The nominations go to show yet again that there are several excellent examples of high-quality construction projects that have been undertaken within the Vale of Glamorgan. Ensuring that buildings are constructed in accordance with



current building regulations requires a very high standard of workmanship, and the builders nominated this year have proven that they can meet this requirement".

Marcus Goldsworthy, Operational Manager for the Development and Building Control Group, said:

"Building regulations have a key role whenever you decide to make alterations, extend or construct new buildings. With recent changes to the planning process and the devolution of the building regulations to the Welsh Assembly; reducing carbon emissions will now be at the

forefront of the development process. Everyone has a part to play in conserving energy and reducing carbon emissions – whether we are homeowners seeking to extend our homes – or developers taking forward a major new scheme.

"Changing the way we construct buildings to make them more sustainable will be a big challenge for all involved in the industry".

The Development and Building Control Group falls within the Planning and Transportation Division of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, whose Head of Service, Rob

Thomas, stated:

"Development of any size has a major impact on the day-to-day lives of people who are undertaking building projects. Ultimately, it is the builder who has the major responsibility in satisfying, not only the customer needs, but also the terms of the legislation.

"The Building Awards will provide all those involved with well-deserved recognition for consistently carrying out work of a high standard".

The Vale of Glamorgan Council would also like to thank all the sponsors of this event, without whom it would not be possible to recognise the builders and developers whose quality of work is making a positive difference to the environment of the Vale of Glamorgan.

Winners of the Vale event will go forward to the LABC south Wales 'Building Awards' dinner at the Vale of Glamorgan Golf & Spa Resort, Hensol, on April 20. This will be hosted by television and radio personality Jason Mohammed.

The ultimate achievement can be recognised at national level, where the winners of the south Wales event will be nominated into the LABC 'National Building Awards', which will include nominations from most of the local authorities throughout Wales and England.

It will be held in London in November this year.

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Extension/Alterations



3 Castlewood Cottages, Dinas Powys

THE work comprises a two-storey extension to the rear of this traditional, brick-built cottage.

It was carried out under a building notice, which required the builder and Building Control (BC) Surveyor to work closely together, as the work was not pre-approved by BC.

The builder chose to use matching imperial bricks laid to the same traditional bond as the cottage, to ensure that the extension was in character with the local surroundings.

The builder carefully matched the window style and other details, such as the floor tiles, to achieve an understated but outstanding contemporary extension.



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THIS project involved significant remodelling to both single and two-storey extensions to the front, side and rear of the original house. The work has totally transformed a rather mundane building into a new home with a crisp modern style and finish.

Due to the extensive changes, this was a complicated task for the builder who appeared to relish the challenge. Executed under a 'building notice', the project required close liaison between all of the parties.



The changes that had to be made as work progressed, created further difficulties for the builder to overcome, which he did in full consultation with Building Control.

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Woodside Cottage, Westra, Dinas Powys

Agent: Mr G Beer

Agent: Architect Oriel Design Ltd., Steven Price

Contractor: Gibbons Bros., St. Brides, Newport

THE talented builder had a genuine desire to do a good job and work closely with the local authority building inspector. The work included demolishing an earlier, small extension, that was of basic design without any real relation to the existing cottage.

The property is the left hand cottage of a pair and the sloping site's poor access was an extra challenge to the builder. The new extension has been carefully detailed to blend with the character of the cottage and mirror the extension previously constructed on the other end of the pair of cottages. The front windows have been specially made and the arches with keystones carefully constructed to match the original.

The ground floor has a large kitchen with dining space and a rear sun room. The first floor comprises a bedroom, family bathroom and ensuite to a bedroom. The work is of a very high standard, which is enhanced by the high quality materials selected by the builder.



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New Dwelling/Home Conversion



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Agent:
Mr C Le Guilcher, Penarth

THE application for this new dwelling was originally submitted as an extension, with significant alterations to an existing detached property. The extent of the work was such that very little of the original property remained and was, therefore, demolished – to allow a completely new build.

The new dwelling features colonial style columns, window surrounds and face brick detailing, to create a three-storey property. A large open hallway with a feature staircase, leads to four ensuite bedrooms and family bathrooms on the first floor level; and attic trusses allow the creation of two additional bedrooms within the roof space.

During the course of construction, an attached swimming pool room, and detached garage were added, to complete a dwelling of considerable substance.



New House, Maes Melyn, Cowbridge

THIS application was originally submitted as 'remodelling' of an existing dwelling. However, due to the extent of demolition required, it was then re-constructed as a new dwelling.

The modernistic design of substantially glazed walls and mono-pitched roofs is in complete contrast to the traditional surrounding dwellings, yet due to the retention of much landscaping it fits neatly into the area. The interior features a large open plan hallway and gallery landing, with glazed balustrading. Four bedrooms and ensuite bathrooms occupy the first floor, with access onto a front-facing balcony.

The architect chose a 'full plans option' with supporting structural and SAP calculations –

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Barn 2, Redfarm, Llangan

Agent: Allan Shaw of Porthcawl
Contractor: Jonathan David

THIS is the second of three barns to be converted adjacent to Red Farm, Llangan. The building comprises a two-storey granary and two single-storey wings.

Due to considerable deterioration of the roof structure, new oak trusses were made to duplicate the profile of the existing trusses, and the entire roof was recovered in natural slate.

The features of the stone work to the external walls were enhanced by neat re-pointing and some new openings were made by replicating the existing quoin work and arch detailing.

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Commercial Projects



Pier 64, Penarth Portway Marina



THE building consists of two storeys, with a ground floor restaurant and first floor offices. It is a piled steelwork structure with Bison concrete units which are suspended over the water, giving unobstructed views of the marina.

The initial stages were undertaken with the aid of a long reach digger and divers to clear the rock base under water. Steel piles were installed to protect the piling work, and a floating pontoon was also used to enable some of the piling work. The building has been constructed to the highest standard, including sound deadening to the internal wall panels and finished to give a complementary aspect to its surroundings.

The completed work has resulted in a cedar clad water-

front building which stands on stilts above the adjoining marina, with a balcony facing the water and a timber brie soliel (solar shading) to the front elevation. It has been linked to the marina level with walkways, to entice local boat owners to use the restaurant.

The project complies with all aspects of the regulations and achieves a BREAM excellent standard. It has resulted in an exceptional building which complements the high standard of internal finishes.

The developer/owners have ensured that Building Control have been involved at every stage of the work, with exceptional communication between the site team and the building control officers.

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Agent: Property Services, Civic Offices, Vale of Glamorgan Council

Contractor: Carter Lauren

Cadoxton House, Victoria Park Road, Barry

THIS unit has been constructed on the site of the former Cadoxton House, which was demolished due to its structural condition.

The new unit is also called Cadoxton House and is to be used as a Community Advice Centre, which will be shared by the Vale of Glamorgan

Council and the South Wales Police.

The proposed development has essentially replicated the former building in design.

The site has two storeys at the front elevation with three storeys to the rear, and security was especially important.

As the unit is constructed on a split site and the end user is from a vulnerable area of society, a number of complex fire and building issues had to be resolved.

These required a close working relationship with the Client, Architect, Contractor, Fire Service and Building Control.

The site was well managed and a high level of communication between Contractor and Building Control was maintained throughout.

Medical Centre, Cowbridge



Developer:

Stepnell Limited
Agent: Powell Dobson Architects of St. Mellons

THIS is a two-storey medical centre with offices for three doctor practices and community care team.

The construction consisted of precast reinforced concrete foundations; steel portal frame with traditional masonry, and

steel sheet roof finish – all completed to an excellent standard.

The contractor's policy was to use local labour throughout the project wherever possible.

The means-of-escape route for the building was an engineering design agreed with the Fire Service, architects and Building Control.

The project was extremely well managed, and on-site teams and designers have produced a quality building.

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All building regulations questions and comments were addressed through the excellent communication between the site manager, the architect, and Building Control.



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Social Housing - Affordable



Jacksons Quay, Site E7, Barry Waterfront

THE development consisted of 17 dwellings and two blocks of five and six-storey apartments.

They were constructed using precast concrete pile foundations and beam and block floors. The traditional masonry construction includes flat roofs, cream-coloured rendering with colour-rendered panels, and Juliet-type balconies to the front elevations.

A number of the dwellings were constructed in accordance with Code level 3, for sustainable homes.

Throughout the development of this project, numerous site meetings were held with the building contractor and the design team so that any technical issues which arose, were resolved at an early stage.

The high standard of work-

Applicant: Newydd Housing Association Ltd **Agent:** Tony King Architects of Penarth **Contractor:** Mi-Space (UK) Ltd/Project Manager - Mark Perry



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Ffordd Elin, Barry

PRIOR to this development, the site was vacant wasteland on an existing Newydd Housing estate.

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A professional attitude and skilled approach was demonstrated by the contractors throughout the project, earning well-deserved praise from all corners.

An excellent relationship was maintained throughout the project between the contractor, architect, building control officer and LABC warranty surveyor.

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The nominees listed in this special supplement had to fight off formidable competition to get this far and they can be justifiably proud of themselves.

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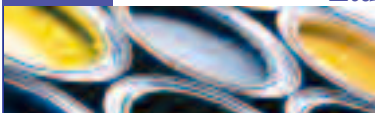
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Royal National Lifeboat Institution (Trading) Ltd
– **Barry Docks** – RNLI pontoon.

Screwfix Direct Limited
– **Part of LDS House, Ty Verlon Industrial Estate, Verlon Close, Barry** – External alterations to existing building at ground floor level; comprising installation of new double entrance doors with roller shutter and ramp with platform (front elevation) and double doors with platform down (front elevation).

Mr and Mrs I Kelsall – **16 Maillards Haven, Penarth** – Proposed single storey rear extension to enlarge living room. Proposed partial garage conversion to form utility room and office.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council – **Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry** – Installation of two 300mm diameter communications dishes, pole mounted to rear wall of clock tower, plus cable runs into the building.

Herbert R Thomas – **Land to the west of Ash Hall, Ystradowen** – Construction of a new vehicular access gate to the northern boundary of the parcel of land.

Mr Martin Evans – **Westra Boarding Kennels, Westra** – Retain existing water treatment tank (foul water).

Mr D Andrews – **3 Heol Pantycelyn, Barry** –

Single storey rear extension.
Ms Amanda Leader – **6 Victoria Avenue, Penarth** – Replacement of timber sash windows with UPVC sash windows.

Mrs Lynn McCarthy – **Lynton, Tredodridge, Cowbridge** – Ground and first floor extension plus garage.

Mr Michael Isaac – **Duffryn House, Welsh St Donats** – Dormer windows on north and west elevations.

Dr and Mrs Hastings – **Pengelli Farmhouse, Prisk, Cowbridge** – Erect a single storey timber and double glazed extension.

Mr and Mrs Phil Harris – **4 Cherwell Road, Penarth** – Replacement conservatory and glazed bay to living room.

Mr James Tudor – **10 East View, Llandow** – Single storey side extension to semi detached house (to replace sub standard extension).

Mr Oliver Breay – **10 Church Road, Penarth** – New front porch to replace existing glazed open canopy and the extension of existing conservatory with replacement of more efficiency glazing and roofing materials.

The Owner/occupier – **The Green, Llancarfan** – Fell ash (T1), fell elder (T2), and fell silver birch (T3).

Mr and Mrs Prior – **22**

Hinchliff Avenue, Barry – Roof extension, gable end and rear dormer.

Mr and Mrs Ian Ladner – **6 Heol y Bryn, Barry** – Two storey extension to side with loft conversion to side with new and existing roof space balcony to front extended. Replace lean-to roof at rear with flat roof.

New garden room to rear of garden.
Mr Brett Trivet – **Glendon House, Argae Lane, St Andrews Major** – Retention of an existing handstanding and tack room.

Matrix Professional Services LLP – **Llancarfan County Primary School** – Classroom extension to the north side of Llancarfan Primary School. The extension is single storey with a conservatory structure on a brick plinth, and glazed roof, approx 9.2m x 2.6m (amendment to 2005/1649/REG3).

Mr Tony Apollonio – **Glendale Hotel and Villa Napoli Restaurant, 10 Plymouth Road, Penarth** – Conversion of rear annexe coach house at lower ground floor level from restaurant storage room into two bed residential apartment. One new full height glazed screen in south elevation and one new rooflight to match two existing.

Mrs Kathleen Harwood Morgan – **White Horses, 14 Yr Graig, Craig Yr Eos Road, Ogmore by Sea** – Single storey utility extension.

Mr John Thomas – **Stone-build agricultural building and adjoining land to the east of Picketston House, Picketston, near St Athan** – Variation of condition 1 of planning permission 2006/01603/FUL to extend the period for implementation of the development by five years.

Mr Jason Murphy – **36 Clos Tyniad Glo, Barry** – To extend to rear of dwelling new kitchen and sun lounge, to include internal alterations to provide additional bedroom.

Mr David Rutter – **7 Hazel Grove, Dinas Powys** – Single storey rear extension.

Max John – **143 Fontygary Road, Rhosce** – The refurbishment and change of use of a semi detached barn to a 3 no. twin bedroom B&B with ancillary facilities and ample parking and circulation.

Dr Ian Ketchell – **The Lodge, Dimlands Road, Llantwit Major** – New two storey extension to rear (north) side of existing house (on site of existing garage and sitting room). Works to include the demolition of

the existing modern flat roof single storey garage and sitting room.

Mr R Evans – **Seaview, St Athan, near Barry** – Proposed change of use and conversion of storage shed to stables on land adjacent to Seaview, St Athan.

Fitz Project Management – **Hensol Villas, Hensol, Pontyclun** – Sustainable family self care accommodation, New Castle Lodge, Hensol Villas.

Mr Christopher Read – **3 Cawley Place, Barry** – Proposed two storey rear extension.

Lidl UK – **Cennin Pedr, Barry** – Freestanding billboard.

Mr Steve Smith – **Gas compound, Plymouth Park, Marconi Avenue, Penarth** – Drill 29 no. gas/leucate abstraction and (separately) lay buried pipes to transfer gas and leucate collection to compound. This is as a replacement of the existing system.

Mr Paul Dawson – **5 Regency Close, Llantwit Major** – Lean-to style conservatory with glass roof.

Mr Graham McGirr – **12 Summerland Crescent, Llandough** – Two storey rear and side extension with loft conversion.

Force Strength and Conditioning – **Unit 66, Vale Business Park, Llandow** – Change the use of the building from Class B1, B8 to D2.

Mrs Diane Loughlin – **20 Stradling Close, Sully** – Rear extension to living room and kitchen.

Mr McGinn – **17 Crawshaw Drive, Boverton** – Storm porch to the front elevation.

Mr and Mrs Graham Roddis – **113 Westbourne Road, Penarth** – Ground floor rear extension including rebuild of existing garage. Loft conversion with associated extension to existing room.

Lapider Ltd – **88 Glebe Street, Penarth** – Convert the existing ground floor office into a takeaway and install an additional flue pipe.

Head of Capital and Asset Management – **University Hospital, Llandough, Penlan Road, Penarth** – Replacement car park (plus additional AMHU spaces), landscaping, access and enabling works.

Mr Gwyn Jones – **St Mary's Golf Club, St Mary Hill** – Replacement of existing glass conservatory roof with new artificial slate roof.

JCW Construction – **Llantwit Major Social Club, Beach Road, Llantwit Major** – Demolition of part of existing building and construction of 16 apartments (amendments to consented scheme).



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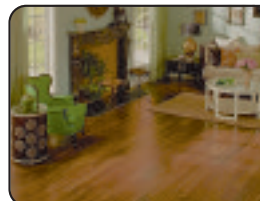
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Sully Sports run riot against Newbridge

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AFTER four weeks with no games, Sully Sports kicked off the new year with an excellent victory over Newbridge.

Sports started the game slowly, trying to put moves in place but Newbridge stood strong until Nathan Taylor went over for the opening try.

Full back Wayne Jones soon added the second.

Sports showed that some players had maintained their fitness over Christmas and again put Newbridge under pressure, being awarded a penalty try after flanker John Thomas was tripped as he raced towards the line.

Sports then started getting their plays together, working as a

team, defending well, and often turning defence into attack. The half time score was 21-0.

A few second-half changes in the front row saw Nathan Szuchnik go over for the first of his two tries.

From kick off, some excellent plays from Sports prompted comments from supporters that this was some of the very best rugby.

Attack after attack saw Adam Wheeler storm over, justly earned after some storming runs and tackles during the game. Sports showed yet again why they are in the top half of the table, with excellent tackles and defence turning into attack, seeing Dave Stillman scoring after coming off the bench.

The introduction of



Adam Wheeler leads a Sully Sports attack.

Ben Such saw the biggest tackle of the match as he drove his opponent into the ground.

Dean Russell, Jon Blake and Andrew Buckland also went over for well-worked tries. Chris Cummings kicked eight out of 10 conversions, leaving the final score 66-0 to Sports. Well done to all the players, coaches and supporters.

Team: Jamie Griffith, Adam Wheeler, Ross Eason, Michael Angove (c), Alex Szuchnik, Jon Blake, Dean Russell, John Thomas, John Dimond, Chris Cummings, Nathan Szuchnik, Andrew Buckland, Ian Patterson, Wayne Jones, Nathan Taylor. **Reps:** Ben Such, David Stilman, Jody Velda, Jake Haysham.

MA



Jemma Jones on the offence for Barry ladies.

FOLLOWING a tentative 10 minutes waiting for the result of a pitch inspection, Barry ladies finally set off for a much awaited clash against Welshpool.

Having had this match postponed on a number of occasions for a variety of reasons it was a relief knowing that at least one of the fixtures was about to be played.

With Welshpool barely fielding a team due to a player receiving a concussion from her horse that morning, the Bombettes were charged and ready for the challenge.

The game started and Welshpool instantly showed their eagerness to win with some decisive tackling and instant pressure, catching the Bombettes off guard and driving into Barry's 22 with some well-executed back lines and quick ball.

The Bombettes quickly found their pace and regained their composure with some counter pressure which quickly got them into Welshpool's 22.

With further pressure from the back line Judie Cole travelled a good 15 yards to crash over the line to score the first try; this conversion was narrowly missed.

Welshpool again piled on the pressure feeling the more determined to equal the score line, however their repeated attempts, despite making it to Barry's 5 metre line on a couple of occasions, were unsuccessful.

A delay for injury to Barry's Sarah Cuniffe, who was removed from the pitch, made the Bombettes determined, and they again returned the pressure.

With some structured teamwork using pods to drive forward, exemplified by Jemma Jones, the ball was recycled out to the back line where Hannah Linton kept players at bay, enabling the Bombettes to drive Welshpool back, resulting in a try by Kim Jones, unsuccessfully converted.

The Bombettes continued to keep Welshpool at bay with some outstanding tackles and defensive work, and the score at half time remained 10-0.

The Bombettes came out with renewed fire in the second half with thoughts of the bonus

point for four tries at the back of everyone's mind.

They didn't disappoint and were quick to drive Welshpool back with some crunching tackles from Sam Byles and Charmaine Hill.

This resulted in a second try for Kim Jones who took three tacklers with her across the line, she successfully converted.

This obviously stoked fires in Welshpool as their counter attack caught Barry off guard and only some try saving tackles from Anna Nation and Hannah Bannister prevented Welshpool from putting points on the board.

The Bombettes carried on their own attack with Lynsey Phillips executing some fast-paced rugby, in turn enabling Kim Jones to score her third try under the posts, converted.

With the bonus point in their pockets the Bombettes were flying and continued with the drive, determination and stamina they have proved to have in the second half of a match.

They continued to harass Welshpool and were rewarded with a five metre scrum which Judie Cole finished with some excellent No 8 work resulting in a try. This was successfully converted by Kim Jones, for a final score of 31-0 to the Bombettes.

Squad: Sam Byles, Lynsey Phillips, Jemma Jones, Angela Bindley, Megan Northcott, Sarah Cuniffe, Bethan Williams, Judie Cole, Hannah Bannister, Kim Jones (captain), Nikki Yapp, Hannah Linton, Anna Nation, Adie Vaughn, Charmaine Hill.

Players of the match: Anna Nation (selected by Barry), Charmaine Hill (selected by Welshpool).

The team extend their best wishes to Sarah Cuniffe, who sustained a fractured collar bone.

Any ladies interested in playing rugby are more than welcome at Barry RFC regardless of experience, and should contact us via email: barryladiesrfc@hotmail.co.uk, or by phoning Beckie on 07528933227.

RB

LONG JOURNEY WORTH IT FOR BARRY LADIES!



Judie Cole skips past a Welshpool challenge.

Who wants to build what, and where?

Mrs Jennifer Pierpoint – 7 Archer Terrace, Penarth – Minor extension to rear of property. Ms Victoria Hall – 16 Hastings Avenue, Penarth – Knock down existing single storey extension to rear of property. Re-build in cavity block work across entirety of elevation to allow for new kitchen. Drop down curb to front of property to allow access for new driveway.

Mrs C Hill – Ty Bronna, Peterston Super Ely – Rear single storey extension, porch extension and loft conversion with new roof. Mr Ronald Baker – 66 Bron Awelon, Barry – Two storey extension to rear/side of dwelling to provide an annexe for an elderly parent.

Mr G Thomas – Badgers Hollow, Graig Penllyn – Erection of stable on land to the south of Badgers Hollow, Graig Penllyn. Mr Antony Johansen – Brynlea Hey, The Downs, St Nicholas – Single storey extension. E M Winn Jones – Sycamore, Sigingstone – Pruning back lower branches of sycamore tree located in side garden.

Mr Neil Greenaway – Priory Cottage, Marcross – PV panels on field within site. Asbri Planning Ltd – Rosedew Farm, Llandwyt Major – Application for full planning permission for

retention of buildings and to regularise the various development at Rosedew Farm including: 1. Retention of alterations to barn and new lean-to buildings and use of buildings, outside are as function room/wedding venue; 2. Retention of agricultural barn and store; 3. Retention of reinstated barn and lean-to building and use for storage/laundry/boiler room ancillary to the existing holiday cottages at the farm and retention of patio area for the same use.

Mr Peter Marriott – Woodlands Cottage, Llandough, Cowbridge – Side extension with new vehicle access off highway to provide 2 no. additional off road car parking.

Mainet – 21 Windsor Road, Penarth – Proposed re-branding of existing ATM. New surround with signage stating free cash with drawings in white lettering out of red and blue surround. The new surround is made of 19mm Foamex with a 1mm vinyl lamination. Dr Ian Ketchell – The Lodge, Dimlands Road, Llandwyt Major – New two storey extension to rear (north) side of existing house (on site of existing garage and sitting room). Works to include the demolition of the existing modern flat roof single storey garage and sitting room.

Girl's football is kicking off!

GIRL'S football has really taken off at Dinas Powys over the last few months with the introduction of an under-10s team that currently participates in the South Wales Girls League.

The team has been making excellent progress over recent months and this has been rewarded with three players being selected to play for the SWGL under-10 representative squad.

Chloe Moggridge, Olivia Townsend and Seren Rose were chosen from a pool of 47 players to play for the representative team following trials at Mountain Ash on Saturday January 14.

The squad at Dinas Powys currently has 12 registered players from the Vale and Cardiff areas and is looking to expand for next season with some of the current squad members moving up to the next age group.

The team is looking for girls aged eight-nine who either enjoy football or would like to try a new sport within a team environment.

If you are interested in finding out more information, please call Luke Williams on 07832 273688 or email lukes-blues@sky.com.

LW

Christmas at last for Golf Society

THE December meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society, postponed on two occasions leading up to Christmas due to the weather conditions, was held last Thursday at the RAF St Athan Golf Club.

Thanks to the co-operation of the club's management team a klaxon start enabled 29 members to start simultaneously with the added advantage of all competitors finishing around the same time.

Acting secretary Neil McLean started the new year in fine style when returning the top score of the day with 37 stableford points to collect first prize, with Dai John, a previous winner on many occasions of this competition, finishing runner up with 33 points.

Dai's claim to fame was a magnificent birdie on the 489-yard opening hole.

In third place, with 30 points, was Clive Thomas who at one point had built up a commanding lead before incurring three consecutive bobs.

Society president Geraint Davies again finished in the frame when taking fourth place with 28 points.

All the main prizewinners received semi final tickets for next week's second leg of the Carling Cup between Cardiff City and Crystal Palace.

Outright favourite and defending champion Brian Jones, still recovering from losing an argument with a bullock, finished with 25 points.

Nearest the pin on the par three holes were Neil McLean (2), Bryan Owen and also late arrival Chris Rooney, who also won the 'James Hog Roast' sponsored longest drive.

Trevor Wooding correctly guessed 25 balls would fail to return home to win the Premier Turf sponsored prize.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 26 at Swansea Bay Golf Club, and will be sponsored by Mr Gino Cocco.

TMcC

UNDER-12s IN A TIGHT TUSSELE

THE opening minutes for Cowbridge under-12s' visit to Tondur were promising with all of the action played in the home team's half.

However, from a turn-over in the 22m area, Tondur spun the ball out and, taking advantage of an over-lap, scored the game's first try.

From the restart the Tondur backs launched a succession of attacks towards the visitor's line. Determined tackles by Harrison Ashby, Sam Corkill, Jake Griffiths and Jac Roberts prevented what seemed like an inevitable try.

However, from a line-out on the five-metre line, the Tondur pack produced a driving maul, crossing the line to score a second, unconverted try.

Having resisted further pressure Cowbridge won a defensive five-metre scrum and outside half, Morgan Gore calmly kicked the visitors upfield by a good 30-metre kick.

The ball won at the resulting line-out and improved commitment in the contact area took Cowbridge back into their opponent's half.

Excellent carries by Cameron Roy, Ellis Simon and Dan Marshall earned Cowbridge much needed ground with

the pressure forcing an infringement from Tondur.

After a quick tap taken by Ioan Lewis, the ball was passed out to Sam Black entering the line and scoring a deserved try. A well struck conversion by Morgan Gore resulted in a 10-7 lead to the home side.

The second half opened with a good series of rucks by Cowbridge but uncharacteristic, careless passing by the backs failed to pose enough menace.

Several times turnovers were won by Tondur and one of their forwards crossed the Cowbridge line again for an unconverted try and a 15-7 lead.

With Cowbridge on the back-foot in their own 22, inspiration came from number 8 and team captain Jac Roberts, who exploded off a ruck and made a good 40 metre before being stopped by a determined Tondur defender.

Minutes later from a scrum, Jac Roberts picked up the ball and, from 15 metres out, weaved his way through Tondur defenders to score a well-earned try. The conversion by Morgan Gore narrowed the gap to 15-12, which was to be the final score.

GD

Mr D Cuddy – Tyn y Caeu Farm, Primrose Hill, Cowbridge – Construction of new B8 agricultural storage unit.
Mr Thomas Sleeman – 11 Dunraven Close, Dinas Powys – Single storey side extension to provide disabled/elderly accommodation.
Mr Timothy Mann – 18 Tan-y-Fron, Barry – Small conservatory to rear of property, not elevated or overlooking adjacent properties.
Mrs Bee Bennett – 61 Hillside Drive, Cowbridge – Single storey orangery to side and rear of existing domestic dwelling.
Existing conservatory to be removed as part of the work.
Mr Adrian Rowe – Jubilee Hall, Rhose Road, Rhose – Conversion of existing church building into domestic dwelling.
Marie Curie Cancer Care – Holme Tower, Marie Curie Centre, Bridgeman Road, Penarth – New proposed glazing to ground floor balcony to form internal space and proposed first floor glazing with extension to roof.
Mr and Mrs Scott – Nova, Windsor Terrace Lane, Penarth – Construction of flat roof single storey extension to the rear of property on Windsor Terrace Lane.
Demolition of existing single storey garage.
Mr A Lewis – 23 South Road, Sully – Reduce back limbs away from house. Crown lift deadwood.

Mrs Newman – 4 Maes y Felin, Llandow – Reduce back overhanging limbs, remove dead wood and reduce upper crown where vigour is poor on three ash trees and remove two sycamore trees.
Mr Phil Chamberlain – 15 Caynham Avenue, Penarth – Proposed single storey extension to provide kitchen/dining area, raising existing ridge line by approx 600mm to create 2 no. bedrooms to new first floor. Widening of existing driveway and resurfacing with permeable block paving.
Mr Laurence Forse – Land at Gwaun Wen Farm, Hensol – Provision of photovoltaic cells on roof of existing barn.
Mr Scott Fisher – 8 Heol y Bryn, The Knap, Barry – Demolish existing rear utility.
Proposed alterations, single storey rear extension, first floor side extension above garage and extension of front elevations to ground and first floor.
Ms Anna Cheney – Land at Drope Farm, Drope, St Georges Super Ely – Storage of haulage vehicles in relation to the haulage business run from Drope Farm.
Mrs Lynne Chard – Land alongside 20 Chervell Road, Penarth – Erection of new two bedroom bungalow.
Care Inn Ltd – Springbank Nursing Home, College Road,

WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT, AND WHERE?

Barry – Retention of boiler flue.
Mr Brooks – 27 Llwyn Y Gog, Rhose Point – Conservatory to the rear elevation.
Helen Lambert-Black – Land adjacent to Penny Cottage, Dimlands Road, Llantwit Major – Erection of one detached dwelling (renewal of 2006/00260/FUL).
Helen Lambert-Black – Land adjacent to Penny Cottage, Dimlands Road, Llantwit Major – Demolition of existing buildings to create residential plot (renewal of 2006/00260/CAC).
ESA Tree Care Ltd – The Pound, Duffryn Lane, St Nicholas – Fell conifer (behind garage), fell row of conifers (on neighbour's property) and reduce height of neighbour's conifers.
Mr Justin Evans – Ty Draw Barn, St Andrews Major – Barn conversion and extension to form a residential dwelling.
United Welsh Housing Association – 37/39 High Street, Barry – Proposed conversion of former doctors' surgery to four 2-bed and two 1-bed residential flats.
Mrs Ruth Quinn – The Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major – Erection partition wall

with two doorways, in order to divide existing kitchen area space into a smaller kitchen area and a disabled toilet facility.
Install two roof vents.
Refurbish and reglaze where necessary window in adjacent room.
Mr and Mrs Leon Cafddy – 25 Heol Sant Bridget, St Brides Major – Rear extension with an increased ridge-line to the roof to move the bedrooms to the first floor and create a larger family living area to the ground floor.
Punch Pub Partnership – Farmers Arms, Wick Road, St Brides Major – Proposed new timber porch and ramped entrance. Formation of new doorway into the premises.
Mr Christopher Leeke – Ty Hensol, Hensol Park, Hensol – Construction of a single storey detached garage for two cars, to replace existing garage.
Mr S Rahman – Swan Public House, 213 Cardiff Road, Eastbrook, Dinas Powys – Single storey extension and alterations.
Mr Paul Gallone – 22 Knowbury Avenue, Penarth – Two storey extension to side of property and alteration to existing vehicle crossover to increase width.

Mrs Rachel Hamandi – 8 Pwll y Min Crescent, Peterston Super Ely – Single storey rear extension, second floor bedroom alterations and roof terrace glazed balustrade.
Mr Paul O'Shea – Ffo Dos, 12 Jenner Road, Barry – Retrospective consent for a dropped kerb to enable vehicle access.
Mr David Williams – Llancadle Farm, Llancadle, Barry – Demolition of 3 Dutch barns together with a stable block and the conversion of detached farm outbuildings to 4 no. domestic dwellings.
Mr and Mrs Ellis – 15 Knowbury Avenue, Penarth – Extension to side and alterations to rear flat roof.
Mr Mark Reynolds – 34 Grove Terrace, Penarth – First floor rear extension above existing ground floor.
Mr and Mrs C Williams – The Three Tuns, St Nicholas – Alterations to summerhouse adjacent to northern boundary of rear garden.
Porthkerry Dental Centre – 2 Porthkerry Road, Barry – To convert upstairs waiting room into additional surgery. Add solar panels to the rooftop; not yet started.
Mr Jeremy Picton-Turberville – Ewenny

Priory House, Abbey Road, Ewenny – Re-roofing, repairs and minor alterations.
Miss Andrea Sidford – 2 Greenacres, Barry – A single storey rear extension.
Mrs Heather March – West Farm, West Street, Llantwit Major – Change of use of redundant barns to residential property.
Mr D and Mrs D Parsons – Ty Ni, 22 Craig Yr Eos Road, Ogmere by Sea – Demolition and rebuilding of bungalow with extensions to existing footprint, as approved on permission 2010/00435/FUL.
Mr Tony Albetides – 182B Port Road East, Barry – Removal of existing ground floor conservatory, and construction of replacement ground floor conservatory with two new bedrooms over.
Mr Graham (Dave) Jennings – Bryn Hyfryd, Wick Road, Ewenny – Amendments to planning application 2010/01332/FUL to include the replacement of two rear windows with doors onto flat roof, additional skylight to attic and additional first floor side window.
Mr N Crofts – 9 Caynham Avenue, Penarth – Part two

storey, part single storey rear extension, loft conversion including raising ridge height and dormer window and single storey front extension forming porch.
Mr Solomon – 14 Redlands Avenue, Penarth – Conservatory to the rear elevation.
Mr Jim Barrett – Longwood House, Llancarfan – Two storey and single storey extension.
The Post Office – Barry Delivery Office, 3 Holton Road, Barry – Formation of a new opening and gate to provide a safe and secure walk way for the use of Royal Mail staff to access the Delivery Office.
Ms Linda Heath – Lane End, Michaelston Le Pitt – Remove hedge, approximately 10 to 15 trees of varying thickness and height.
Mrs Gowen – 23 Westgate, Cowbridge – Crown reduce by cutting back to former pruning points 1 no. birch.
Miss Ellie Pearce – 127 Arlington Road, Sully – Extension and loft conversion.
Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd – Former Lower School, Town Mill Road, Cowbridge – Construction of 21 dwellings and all associated works.
Mr Charles Ferguson – Land at Rhyddhalog Farm, Cowbridge Road, Talygarn – Change of use of agricultural land to form 9 hole 'Academy' Golf Course, works to form

holes, provision of driving range building access works and car parking and ancillary landscaping.
Ewart Schofield – Plasnewydd, Bonvilston – Remove any dead wood, inspect the crowns and remove the epicormics of 3 no. lime trees.
Mr Anthony Jones – 9A Royal Buildings, Victoria Road, Penarth – Retention of replacement shop front.
Barclays Bank Plc – Commercial Street, Llantwit Major – 2 no. new internally illuminated individually mounted letters signs.
Mr Lynn McDonald – 347 Barry Road, Barry – White uPVC lean-to style porch with a slate roof.
Mr Wayne Bond – 104 Andrew Road, Penarth – Single storey side and rear extension to include granny annexe.
Mr Mark Hobbs – Kymin Sewer Outfall, Penarth Pier, Penarth – Refurbishments to the Kymin sewer outfall pipe.
Mr Scott Hill – 6 Handel Close, Penarth – Proposed single storey lean-to rear extension to add sitting room to dwelling plus shed extension.
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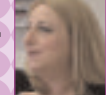
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New captain at RAF St Athan Golf Club



"FORE!"

New captain Steve Hopkins prepares to split the fairway with his ceremonial drive.

RAF St Athan Golf Club recently held the traditional 'captain's drive-in' with several dozen members assembling to witness the event.

As is customary, BJ Hawkins relinquished the captain's jacket and presented it to Steve Hopkins, who takes the helm throughout the coming year, ably assisted by newly appointed vice-captain Hugh Williams.

Steve appeared relaxed on the first tee, and impressed the spectators with a magnificent drive down the fairway which resulted in Steve Kenyon being the lucky recipient of a bottle of whisky for correctly estimating where the captain's drive would settle.

With the formalities over, the Pee Wee competition was then played in high spirits with a four-ball-better-ball captain versus vice format.

The vice-captain's team usually comes through the strongest in this event, but Steve was ecstatic at the end of the match to discover his team were the victors.

Presentations took place at the notorious

19th hole with Mike Whilding and Chris Davies representing the vice-captain, the overall winning pair carding a magnificent 47 stableford points.

Team players for the captain, Rob Ford and Ray Morgan, were nudged into second place with a very respectable 46 points.

Two's money was awarded to six golfers: Gerhard Thomas, Roger Davidge, Mike Edwards, Rob Ford, Phil Rees and Shaun Wilson.

The clubhouse remained the venue for the rest of the day where the trophy, a chamberpot laden with alcohol, was passed around the winners. The challenging team excelled with their assistance in consuming the contents of the pot and starting the jovial sing-a-long that followed and continued into the early evening.

RAF St Athan Golf Club is a traditional members club; new members of all ages and abilities are warmly welcomed. For more information please contact the club manager on 01446 751043.

CAROL MORGAN

Sea angling club help to raise money for charity

DOW Corning Sea Angling Club held an open sea fishing match at Cold Knap and Porthkerry beaches to raise money for Ashgrove school for autistic children.

Around 100 anglers turned up on an overcast, dry day with a slight easterly wind which can be the curse for many an angler!

At the end of the match, 30 anglers brought fish to the scales and it was local man and Sea View Lads member Aidey Harris who caught 14lb 6ozs of fish, which included a fine 13lb 13ozs conger eel to win.

Second was Gerald John of Gwent/Dow Corning SAC with a 9lb bag of whiting and dogfish.

Third was local angler and tackle shop owner Ray Christoferato, who weighed in with 7lb 14ozs of whiting and dogfish. The weigh in was at the Ship Inn.

Besides fishing prizes, there was also a raffle in which Dow Corning employees, anglers, friends and family raised £600.

The anglers also raised £500, plus a £500 donation from Dow Corning, which raised a total of £1,600 with the help from the following: Sea View Lads, Aspinall Angling Supplies, Barry Angling, Holton Road Angling, Bob's Tackle, Ewenny Angling, Anchorman Charters, The Football Association of Wales, Mike O'Shea (Glamorgan Cricket), Cardiff Blues, LME, Redhall, Severn,

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Barry under-14s reach the cup quarter finals!

For the second year running, the Barry under-14s have reached the quarter finals of the Blues Cup, having soundly beaten mid-Wales opposition Gwernyfed 39-0 at the Reservoir Field on Sunday, January 15.

Opting to play against the wind Barry started well and the forwards soon got into their stride, gaining a valuable foothold in the opposition's half and releasing quick ruck ball for the backs to launch some decent penetrating attacks.

Punching across the gain line time after time soon paid dividends and full-back Josh Kemp crossed for Barry's first try of the half, converted by captain Cameron Gibbon.

Capitalising on Barry's speed and superior skill in the back division, Gibbon crossed for two well deserved tries

bringing the half time score to 17-0.

At the start of the second half Gwernyfed came out firing on all cylinders but Barry's effective defence kept them at bay despite their valiant efforts.

The green and whites then turned on the screws and a try apiece for Gibbon and Lloyd James at inside-centre gave them a 27 point cushion.

The home side turned to their bench to bring on some fresh legs and Sam Green, Lewis Hazelwood, Oliver Jenkins, Callum Lee and Morgan Wheeler made a positive impact in the last quarter.

A try apiece for Callum Mickelsen on the wing and Iwan Baker at number 6 sealed the game at 39-0. Barry now hold their breath for the quarter final draw.

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CARDIFF and Vale College's football team, the FEDS, scored a great victory at a recent tournament held at RAF Cranwell in

Lincolnshire.

The Football Education Development Scheme (FEDS) team – coached by sport lecturer James Young and gym assistant Matthew Roberts – made the long

trek to Lincolnshire for the CCLO football tournament.

The other three teams competing in the tournament were South Birmingham College, Coleg Gwent's Usk Campus and Birmingham Metropolitan College.

The tournament consisted of two semi-finals with the two successful teams competing in the final.

In the semi-final, CAVC was drawn against Coleg Gwent and impressively won 6-2, with the goals coming from Zach Cleary, Jordan Tyler, James Price and a hat trick from Ed Smith.

In the other semi-final, Birmingham Metropolitan were far too strong for South Birmingham winning 11-1. This set up a very

competitive final between Birmingham Metropolitan and Cardiff and Vale College.

"The final was played under extremely windy conditions with Cardiff and Vale playing against the wind in the first half," James Young said.

"We found ourselves 2-1 down at half time but with the wind behind us in the second half we were confident that we could get back into the game."

"After a committed second half the final score was a victorious 3-2 to Cardiff and Vale College with a penalty from captain Ed Halls and a brace from Lloyd Allen. The CAVC team will return next season to defend their title."

CHRISTOPHER BAKER

Evan Williams' Kempton success

LUCAINDUBAI, a six-year-old bay gelding trained by Llancarfan's Evan Williams, won the final race on the card - the Best Odds Guaranteed With

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A 3-1 favourite, Lucaindubai, partnered by stable jockey Paul Moloney, won by half-a-length from Zafranagar and was the second leg of a double for Moloney, who earlier in the day had been successful on Victor Dartnall's Moleskin.

Tim Vaughan's J'Adhere, a winner of its previous race, finished in fourth place.

Veteran Welsh trainer Dai Burchell won the previous race - William Hill-Home Of Betting Handicap Chase - with 16-1 chance Cruchain.

At Warwick, Ffos Las supreme Dai Walters saw his eight-year-old TheHilloffuineach land

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EVAN'S CHANGE OF LUCK

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams had a welcome change of luck when his 11-year-old bay gelding, American Cricket, got home by a neck, despite being two lengths down at the last, when landing the Dove Selling Hurdle at Leicester.

American Cricket, who was ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney, beat the odds-on favourite Westin' Winds and was a 9-2

BRIAN LEE



Bryn Hafren dance group 'Adrenaline' after their UDO National High School Street Dance Competition victory in Blackpool.

Vale schools perform well in competition

DANCERS from the Vale of Glamorgan 5x60 after school clubs took part in the UDO National High School Street Dance Competition recently in the Winter Gardens, Blackpool, to compete against many other schools from across the UK.

The dancers, aged between 11-18 years, competed in team divisions to a judging panel of professional dancers and choreographers – Turbo from Sky One reality show 'Got to Dance', Lee C from BBC 1 TV series 'So You Think You Can Dance', and Twist and Pulse from 'Britain's Got Talent'.

Over 400 teams from primary, secondary schools, and colleges

entered this year across 12 regional heats spread across Britain, engaging with over 4000 school children of varying ages and abilities. 96 teams and 30 duos who qualified took part in the final, across three age categories (years 3-6, 7-9, 10-13).

The schools that represented the Vale were Bryn Hafren and Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg. The day was extremely long and tiring for the dancers as all the competition entries were outstanding!

Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and Bryn Hafren had teams perform to a very high standard in the junior division. Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg's 'Composure' team was Chloe Staples, Kimberley Williams, Tesni Sewell, Elysia Bobbett, Chenice Lincoln, Evie Carter, Kerys Jenkins, Lowri Clarke, Millie Charles Davies and Sophia Hathaway. They were choreographed by their 5x60 dance tutor Sophie Squires and dance leader Samantha Owens.

The Bryn Hafren 'Dolls' crew were Chloe Dawkins, Tillie Carter, Leah Shepperd, Rachel Hazleton, Shannon Close, Chloe Davies, Kelsey Eady, Elizabeth Scott, Caitlyn Ogan, Rebecca Weighell and Courtney Howells. They

were choreographed by their 5x60 dance tutor Emma Mallam and dance leader Ellie Carter.

The senior division was represented by Bryn Hafren Comprehensive dance crew 'Adrenaline' – Amber Summers, Nioami Everitt, Rhia Dutton, Brooke Clark, Rhian Dwyer, Kiera Davies and Chaliee Ludvigsen – and won first place with their outstanding performance and choreographic piece.

They were also announced as the highest-scoring dance crew of the whole competition, winning a mini bus for their school for a year and qualifying to represent Wales and the Vale at the UDO European Championships in Disneyland, Paris in April.

Emma Mallam said: "I am over the moon with the achievements of Adrenaline Dance Crew. They have worked extremely hard organising and leading their own rehearsals as well as independently mixing their own music score and designing their costumes. They deserved first place and the judge's scores were amazing for their routine."

Seaview Lads latest results

THE year 2011 closed with the club enjoying the support of many members at a competition fished over the Christmas break at the pebbles.

It has been an eventful year, with countless extra curricular trips and outings both locally and outside the UK, in addition to the once or twice weekly club competitions.

Members have yet again excelled in the many open events fished, dispelling the myth that we are just a social club (even if rods were conspicuous by their absence on the coach trip).

Having said that, the members have also enjoyed some excellent craic and made lots of friends along the way.

Over December, the fishing has been mixed from the shore, with a few cod coming to the scales along with some whiting.

Old faces Johnny Jones and Gerald Spiteri have shown their class by making regular top six places including the prestigious Christmas competitions, giving the regular top anglers a run for their money.

During 2011, the boats were supported with most being fully booked well in advance, and some good bags were landed.

Good catches continued to the last boat trip, fished out of Penarth on the Benjoma 11, making

it worthwhile for all 10 anglers on the day.

Sadly, our base for many years, the Services Social is closing – another victim of the recession – so future meetings will take place elsewhere until we agree a new home.

Shore results: December 4: First, Micky Langford; Second, Lee Thompson; Third, Kev Gardener; Fourth, John Jones; Fifth, Mark Hillberg; Sixth, Gerald Spiteri.

December 11: First, Lee Thompson; Second, Richard Lougher; Third, Micky Langford; Fourth, Aida Harris.

Boat doubles for 2011: First, Bod and Ica, 29lb 12oz; Second, Dan and Dan, 183 lb 8oz; Third, Jeremy and Jake, 166lb 4oz; Fourth, Aka and Jody, 160lb 8oz.

Boat result, October 22, 2011: First, Newrod Rob 52lb 00oz, LSD, Conger, Huss; Second, Micky Langford 42lb 00oz, LSD, Conger; Third, Dan Ladner 18lb 04oz, LSD, Conger, Huss; Fourth, Dennis Day 16lb 00oz, LSD, Conger; Fifth, Russ Phillips 15lb 00oz, Conger; Sixth, Jake Pimme, 13lb 08oz, LSD, Conger; Seventh, Jeremy Pimme, 13lb 04oz, LSD, Conger, Cod; Eighth, Ica, 13lb 00oz, LSD, Thornback; Ninth, Dan Roderick, 11lb 08oz, LSD, Conger; Tenth, Bod, 08lb 00oz, LSD, Conger.

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Tom Shanklin joins all-star charity gala

FORMER Wales and Cardiff Blues player Tom Shanklin is the latest sporting star to join a panel at a special charity rugby gala dinner on Friday, February 10, two days before Wales' Six Nations clash with Scotland in Cardiff.

He joins former Wales captain Gwyn Jones and former Wales and Cardiff players Emyr Lewis and Brynmor Williams, who will give their views on the thrilling World Cup and forthcoming Six Nations tournament, plus answering any questions from guests. The MC will be legendary rugby commentator Huw Llywelyn-Davies.

This special event, in

aid of Velindre's Stepping Stones Appeal supporting Lung Cancer Research, will be held at the Village Hotel in Coryton, Cardiff from 7pm-12:30am. Tickets are £45 each and tables of 10-12 are available. The price includes a drink on arrival, three-course meal, Q & A with the panel, raffle and auction with some fantastic sporting memorabilia.

To book your place at this fantastic event please visit www.velindrefundraising.com or email info@velindrefundraising.com

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by TIM SAUNDERS

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With a side profile not that dissimilar to the well-styled and curvaceous Seat Ibiza or Leon, the range starts from around £10,500 and rises to just under £15,000.

From inside, the Rio 1.4 diesel tested is a little noisy on start-up, putting it in similar territory to my 2002 plate 1.4-litre diesel Ford Fiesta. It also judders when stationary and could do with a little more sound proofing inside.

Due to seasonal empty roads, there's adequate opportunity to travel at just 56mph during my 50-mile commute and still arrive at my destination with plenty of time to spare.

Usually I have to drive like a bat out of hell, which doesn't help the environment or my pocket. The rea-



The Kia Rio.

son you buy a 1.4 diesel is for efficiency and the little Rio doesn't let you down here, easily delivering 50mpg. The manufacturer claims it will return a combined reading of as much as 69mpg, but I feel this a little optimistic.

The air conditioning automatically comes on each time the ignition is turned, which might be fine in the summer but wholly unnecessary in the winter. There doesn't seem to be any way of switching this off.

However, overall the well-designed interior is pleasing to the eye and easy to navigate your way round. The

seats are supportive, good quality fabrics have been used, there's a decent driving position and the six-speed gearbox is pretty decisive.

Parkers, the car experts, state: "Kia's latest Rio is no longer the wallflower of old, with a new look and the potential to unsettle European rivals. It isn't as aggressively styled as its sibling, the Picanto, but its striking 'bow-tie' grille and large headlamps give the front end a bold stance."

"The swooping roofline gives it a coupe look, making this Rio much more eye-catching. It's longer,

lower in height and wider than its predecessor, so the new Rio has grown up in more ways than one. Kia has pitched the Rio into the midst of a very competitive class. Its rivals include the Renault Clio, Peugeot 207, Toyota Yaris, Volkswagen Polo and class-leading Ford Fiesta – but they all have a fight on their hands with the new Rio."

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Vale karate club strikes lucky with 'Community Chest' boost

KARATE kids of all ages in the rural Vale have struck it lucky – after a local club was awarded a £1,500 Community Chest grant.

The St Brides Major Karate Jutsu Kai Club's efforts to attract new members have been boosted by the funding, which will be invested into improving facilities and buying a range of new equipment.

Run locally by the Vale Council and agreed by a panel of volunteers, with support from Sport Wales, the Community Chest scheme helps people of all ages in Wales become more active, more often – £1,500 is the maximum grant available.

The St Brides Major Karate Jutsu Kai Club is open to everyone aged from five upwards. Sessions are held every Thursday evening from 6pm at St Brides Major Primary School.

The club encourages members to progress and develop their karate skills at their own pace.

Club instructor Graham Barrie said: "I am extremely grateful to have received the



ABOVE: The St Brides Major Karate Jutsu Kai Club.

Community Chest grant.

"It gives the club a unique opportunity to improve facilities, purchase new equipment and hopefully encourage older children and adults to keep fit and be able to look after themselves."

A total of £18,110 was awarded to 18 sports clubs and organisations in the Vale of Glamorgan in this latest round of Community Chest grants.

In addition to the

karate club, four other clubs received the maximum funding award of £1,500.

Youth rugby has received a boost with ACW Youth Rugby Club planning on using their grant to set up additional youth rugby teams in Wick, while Old Penarthians RFC will be establishing teams at both under-11 and under-6 age levels.

Caerul Vale Trampoline Club and Barry Male Artistic Gymnastics Club will

both be investing their £1,500 awards into improving training standards. Other sports to benefit include basketball, cricket, netball, tennis and sailing.

The deadline for the next round of Community Chest grants in the Vale of Glamorgan is January 27.

If you would like to discuss a potential application, contact the Vale Council's sports and play development team on 01446 704748.

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DOES it really matter about wind, slope, underfoot conditions, weather or the ambient temperature?

It didn't last Saturday as both teams set out to prove they wanted to play the game despite the conditions.

Barry were first to commit an error when a kick out-of-hand went straight into touch. The home team were able to recycle the ball from the ensuing lineout and set up a position from which they gained a penalty opportunity. The kick, however, rebounded from an upright and Barry were able to clear their lines.

Llandaff North were not to be denied and went in search of the first score, and some weak tackling let them in for a good try wide out. The conversion was unsuccessful.

Barry surged into attack from the restart with the forwards, most notably Degaura, making good ground. They were unlucky not to open their account when Lee miscued a penalty from 40 metres.

With Busitil on for the injured Ryan, the visitors put together some more threatening

play, but they were outdone by using the passing game out of defence, when kicking deep may have produced better dividends.

Barry now suffered the same fate as the opposition when a penalty attempt struck the woodwork and bounced safely into a defender's grateful arms. With half time looming, Lee did put Barry onto the score sheet with a sweetly-struck penalty.

Immediately on the restart, the Barry backs came alive and produced a gem of a try when Adams collected his own kick-ahead to swoop over near the posts. Lee's conversion was a formality.

The home pack then embarked upon a long period of domination and got just reward with a short range try at the corner flag. The conversion attempt was unsuccessful so far out.

Barry retaliated with another well-taken try from Adams, but the Llandaff North defence prevented him from getting near the posts. This gave Lee too much to do with the conversion effort.

Thereafter, the game swayed from end to end with both sides having

**LLANDAFF NORTH RFC 10
BARRY RFC 15**

opportunities to add to their tally. Unsurprisingly, given heavy conditions underfoot, both sides began to tire and mistakes crept in to the play.

In the gathering gloom, Barry introduced substitutes and to their credit each one contributed manfully.

For the last 10 min-

utes, Llandaff North pressurised the Barry defence almost continuously and it is to be applauded that the defence held.

A hard-earned and deserved victory on the road! Another notable feature of the afternoon was the sound performance of the referee, who controlled proceedings

in a strict but efficient manner.

Barry: Ryan, Adams, Evans, Hardy, L O'Sullivan, R O'Sullivan, Lee, Hunt, R O'Sullivan, Hollister, McTavish, Degaura, Harrison, Parker, Jones (c). Subs: Bowditch, King, Busitil, Chucas.

This Saturday, Barry travel to Bridgend Sports for a league fixture. Kick-off 2:30pm.

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Loss for Barry seconds

ON a bitterly cold Saturday afternoon, Barry 2nd XV returned to action with a friendly against Heol y Cyw, who were flying high in their league.

The home side welcomed back Lee Jones into the pack, while Joel Williams was switched back to scrum-half to partner Adam Lee in the half-back division.

Veteran Jason Evans returned to the bench while Jordan Jones awaited his debut as one of the replacements.

The match began with an immaculately observed minute's silence, but the opening was ferocious for both sides.

With conditions best suited for forwards rugby, the away side negated the power of the Barry pack by requesting for uncontested scrums.

The Barry tight five, however, made their weight count in the close-quarter contest, repeatedly pushing into the opposition territory.

Heol y Cyw were obviously well-drilled and they had two players who tried to break the gain line.

The Barry defence, however, stood firm, with outstanding contribution from Dave Hosking and captain Kyle Case.

Some good work in the tight, where Nick Rolfe and Owain Poole were notable, allowed the green-and-whites to regularly turn over ball or force penalties to relieve the pressure.

Instead, it was the home side who had the first sight at goal, as an away infringement led to the sin-binning of their hooker and a penalty

**BARRY 2ND XV 0
HEOL-Y-CYW 2ND XV 26**

opportunity for Lee, which was missed.

While there was commendable work by the forwards, the lightly employed Barry backs were doing themselves no favours.

There was the usual collection of dropped balls, poor distribution and mediocre kicking which allowed the away side to come back into the game.

It was fitting, therefore, that from a horrendous mix-up while clearing a straight forward ball in their own twenty-two, that Heol y Cyw benefited just before half time to score a converted try.

With Lee in the bin at the start of the second half, any momentum from the home side was immediately lost, and they found themselves defending for their lives.

When Tom Poole, who had moved to stand-off with Lee's absence, took a fraction too long to clear the lines, his kick was charged down and the result was another converted try.

Barry attempted to rally, with fresh legs in the shape of the rejuvenated Jason Evans, Houldley and Hall all on as replacements, but while there were occasions where they made territory, any chance of a comeback was ended later on as the visitors scored underneath the posts again.

The home side continued to defend manfully, with some superb tackling denying a landslide of scores for the away side, with Hall, Poole and Hewitson making notable contributions.

They did manage to briefly threaten the away try-line, but in the end it was the other side who scored the final try of the game to make it 26-0.

It was a valiant effort for all of the players who made it onto the field, which was commendable but ultimately lapses in defence yet again cost the side dear.

Team: T. Poole; R. Williams, D. Williams, Hewitson, A. Evans; J. Williams, Lee; Lundy, L. Jones, Hosking; J. Thomas, Moffat; Case (c), O. Poole, Rolfe.

Subs used: J. Evans, Hall, Houldley, C. Thomas, J. Jones, Jenkins.

Subs not used: Chow Man-of-the-match: Hosking. KC

Good away win for Dinas Powys

AFTER the previous week's lacklustre performance, Dinas got back to winning ways with a much improved showing and, if it wasn't for some superb saves by the Caldicot keeper Gareth Williams, particularly in the second half, the scoreline could have been a lot wider.

Dinas started well and in the first minute had a good chance when Liam Jeremy crossed from the left to Matt Trotman, who clipped a volley towards goal which went just the wrong side of the upright.

Then from the other wing Trotman found Gareth Tedstone and his header hit an upright and was cleared.

Jeremy was giving the home side's right back Simon Crook a torrid time, turning inside and then out and providing a succession of crosses.

He then took a free kick which Joe Hinds headed just wide of the far post on 25 minutes.

Five minutes later Tedstone, back in the starting line-up after a long injury lay-off, used his pace well to beat his marker but his shot was also just wide.

The hosts did have some half chances but the Dinas rearguard were on good form and keeper Damian Lack was never really tested. At the other end from a corner, Dave Penikett headed towards goal but Williams dived to push the ball away for a corner.

After a Caldicot cor-

CALDICOT TOWN 0 DINAS POWYS 1

ner was cleared, Penikett was again on hand to fire a powerful shot just over the bar from 30 yards.

At this stage the visitors were beginning to get on top and the final chance of the half fell to Trotman who, after a jinking run, shot just wide and Dinas were wondering if they would pay for not taking their numerous chances.

Dinas started the second half in the ascendancy again with Jeremy forcing Williams into another fine save after just two minutes.

At the other end Luke Harris, who had been one of Caldicot's best players in the first half, latched onto a corner to shoot just wide of the Dinas upright.

This seemed to spur Dinas on and they exerted more and more pressure on the hosts' goal with Tedstone putting in a dangerous low cross which the overworked Williams managed to cut out.

Soon after this Dinas were awarded a free kick from 25 yards which Adam Raymond powered low at the keeper. He could only parry it and Joe Hinds following up looked to have scored but again Williams parried his shot and the danger was cleared.

With 20 minutes remaining Dinas finally got the breakthrough. Liam Jeremy squared the ball to Joe Hinds in space and he side-footed into the corner of the net

from 15 yards for 1-0. Manager Mark Dunford then rang the changes, bringing on Robbie Fowler and Steffan Davies for Tedstone and Trotman.

Dinas were well on top by this stage and a cross from Fowler was volleyed by Davies with the Caldicot shot stopper again called into action, taking the shot just under his cross-bar.

The hosts had a couple of chances late on when Simon Crook had a speculative shot from 30 yards which was wide, but then the Caldicot skipper James Munday had a good effort well saved by Damian Lack.

In the dying moment Robbie Fowler brought another fine save from the overworked Williams.

Dinas: 1 Damian Lack, 2 Chris Lewis, 3 Steve Provis, 4 Mike Lewis, 5 Dave Penikett (c), 6 Adam Raymond, 7 Matt Trotman, 8 Richard Yarr, 9 Joe Hinds(1), 10 Gareth Tedstone, 11 Liam Jeremy, 12 Jordan Phillips, 14 Robbie Fowler, 15 Steffan Davies, 16 Mark Dunford, 17 Dave Burnett.

Dinas now have three successive home games commencing this Saturday when Garden Village are the visitors to The Murch with a 2pm kick off.

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Bomber's win

On a morning made for running rugby, CRICC RFC were the visitors to the Reservoir Field to take on Barry under-7s.

After an early exchange and the score at 2-2, two excellent tries from Andrew Szuchnik, who was also solid in defence throughout, pushed Barry into a 4-2 half time lead.

The second half saw CRICC put up a fight and narrow the scoreline to 6-5.

This sparked the Mini Bombers into life and they finished the game with some slick handling and well worked tries, topped off with a great solo effort from his own half by Evan Prosser to

give Barry the victory by 9 tries to 6.

In the second game of the morning Barry conceded tries to some early pressure to find themselves 3-1 down at half time.

Again the Mini Bombers showed character and the match was turned on its head with tries from Max Eveleigh to give Barry a 5-4 lead. CRICC lifted themselves and managed to score with the last play of the game to level the final scores at 5-5.

Another fine display by a group of players who are now reaping the rewards of many weeks of training and hard work - well done the Mini Bombers!

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Jenner Park Stadium

The Vale of Glamorgan Council invites expressions of interest from suitable outside organisations to become a primary user(s) at Jenner Park Stadium, Barry Road, Barry in the Vale of Glamorgan for 2012/13 season and possibly beyond. It is possible that more than one organisation may be selected by the council as primary users.

Facilities at the stadium include a full size high quality grass pitch suitable for football etc., athletics facilities (including a modern six-lane 400m track), covered seating for approximately 2500 spectators and access to changing facilities.

Organisations interested in submitting a proposal should obtain a first stage qualification questionnaire from Mr. D. Knevett, Operational Manager: Leisure and Tourism, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry, CF64 4RT or by telephoning 01446 704748.

All submissions must be received in writing by Friday 10th February 2012.